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Ancient Independent Order of Moses

Order of Moses to Meet Here September 15, 16, 17

Washington Tribune

9-11-31

The 54th annual session of the National Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient Independent Order of Moses will be held September 15, 16 and 17 at Pythian Temple, 12th and U streets, N. W.

Wash. D.C.

The sessions will begin Tuesday at 10 a.m. The National Supreme Grand Master R. H. Chatman will preside. Mrs. Elmira G. Henderson is chairman of the program committee. Singing, recitations and addresses of welcome will feature the opening session. Fraternal, religious and business organizations will greet the delegates. On Tuesday at 8 p.m. the annual lamb slaying will take place. On Wednesday a pilgrimage by bus will be made to the home of Frederick Douglass at Anacostia. A. S. Pinkett, financial secretary, will deliver the address. Wednesday evening will be devoted to social activities. R. H. Chatman is Grand Master; Beulah M. Green, Vice-Grand Mistress, and W. R. Jones, recording secretary.

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Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa.

PATILLO REELECTED BY A. U. K. AND D. OF A.

Rules Are Suspended And Grand Master Is Retained. Praised For His Efficiency

St. Louis, Mo

WANT BIENNIAL MEET

Monument Unveiled To The Late William H. Fields. Judge Calhoun Lauds The Order

8-7-31

Rules were suspended at the Tuesday afternoon meeting of the A. U. K. and D. of A. at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church and Ernest Patillo, National Grand Master, reelected amid wild acclamation. The election came prior to the regular order, popularity of the new head, who succeeded Benjamin Mosby of Chicago last year, accredited for the unusual procedure.

Tells Of Progress

Mr. Patillo, after being highly commended by various speakers, pledged himself to continue his succeeding efforts to lead the order out of the chaos in which it was reported at one time. He told of having made gratifying progress and of the body reaching a strong and firm foundation with $80,000 assets at the present time.

The meeting was officially opened at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church Monday. Gov. Henry S. Caulfield flew to the city from the Missouri Capital to deliver an address. Other speakers were Hon. Jack Gross, who represented Mayor Victor J. Miller, Jacob M. Lashly, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, National Deputy Grand Master R. T. Scott, Sir Knight John A. Green, Grand Chancellor A. W. Lloyd of the Knights of Pythias, National Grand Chaplain John A. Hurse of Kansas City, Mo. State Grand Queen Marjorie V. Holly and Sir-Knight M. T. Bailey.

Has Many Features

There were 600 delegates present, representing 40,000 members in 31 states. Chicago having the largest number of delegates present, excluding Missouri. There were several hundred members of the uniform department and members of five bands encamped at Camp Ada Goins, which was enclosed with an endless stretch of canvas and dotted with many tents.

The Mardi Gras parade Tuesday night and the spectacular parade Thursday at high-noon were among the features attracting thousands of spectators. The Competitive drill between crack teams from various states for $2,000 in prizes scheduled for Camp Ada Goins Friday night is another feature on the program that promises to attract a huge crowd.

Unveiling of the monument to the late grand master and founder of the organization, William Herbert Fields, Wed. afternoon at Washington Park cemetery was a touching ceremony witnessed by hundreds of citizens. Circuit Judge Calhoun eulogized the leader unstintingly. Other speakers were Grand Mater Patillo, Sir-Knights Green and Bailey, National Deputy Grand Master Scott, National Grand Chaplain Hurse, Major General John A. Shackleford and David C. Venerable of Indianapolis.

Among the things which Circuit Judge Calhoun said were the following:

"William Herbert Fields lived a goodly life and a useful one. He performed a great work and died but his wonderful spirit which made your organization possible did not die but lives with you and will continue to live with succeeding generations. The inspiration he has been to this organization will live on, for this matchless spirit can never be blotted from your lives. It will live in your hearts as an enduring, imperishable monument that will spur you ever on to your noblest efforts throughout life.

One of the outstanding things of the business session was the recommendation of Grand Master Patillo that the order's encampment be held biennially instead of annually to reduce expenses.

Regular election of officers and selection of the next place of meeting is to take place this Friday morning. The meeting will come to a close Saturday morning.

A. U. K. and D. of A. Meets in Saint Louis

By R. C. FISHER

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(ANP)—Members of the Ancient, United Knight and Daughters of Africa from every section of the United States began arriving here early last Sunday morning for a six-day session of the twenty-fourth national grand council and encampment of the organization.

The meeting was held at Metropolitan A. M. E. church. The large military department used the spacious old Federal league baseball park for its camping ground. Major J. A. Shackleford was in charge of the outfit.

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St. Louis Chamber of Commerce assisted in making arrangements for the ten thousand visitors and had the business section of the city decorated for the occasion. Members of the thirty-seven local A. U. K. councils decorated in the various neighborhoods where they reside and where the bulk of the delegates and visitors were quartered.

Tuesday evening, the big attraction was a gorgeous Mardi Gras parade and electrical display of drill teams, A. U. K. bands and hundreds of fun-makers gayly garbed in all sorts of colors.

Memorial ceremony at Washington Park cemetery last Wednesday afternoon attracted attention of a throng of delegates who witnessed the unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late William Herbert Fields, organizer and first national grandmaster of the Knights and Daughters of Africa. Circuit Judge John W. Calhoun made brief remarks and spoke of Fields as having been a leader who possessed natural gifts and who always found an opportunity to render service for his people; oftimes under difficult conditions, he said.

Thursday, the A. U. K.'s pulled off their annual parade at noon. It was an event into which the marchers injected every ounce of their vim, vigor and vitality. Musicians of the various brass bands seemed unlimbered for the continuous tooting, and delighted crowds along the line of march with plenty of jazz notes. A complete military organization with crack-drill teams and chanting units added their snappy maneuvring and vocalizing to the dazzling procession.

Cash prizes, totalling $1,500, were awarded winning drill teams that participated in a competitive exhibition Friday night before a large enthusiastic crowd, at Camp Ada Goins.

A. U. K ENCAMPMENT WILL BE BIENNIALLY

Argus 8-14-31 St. Louis, Mo.

Change Time From Yearly Meet. Louisville, Ky., Is Chosen As Place Of Next Grand Session

INDIANAPOLIS WINS DRILL

Adopt Resolutions Condemning Amos 'N' Andy And The Scottsboro, Ala. Trial Of Eight Boys

With Louisvile, Ky., as their next convention city, the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa ended the 24th national grand session here last Saturday with the adoption of resolutions condemning the "Amos 'N' "Andy" radio broadcast programs and the sentencing of eight boys to die in the electric chair in Scottsboro, Ala.

Officers Are Elected

Ernest Patillo of St. Louis was reelected national grand master of the A. U. K. order Tuesday afternoon Other officers selected to serve in his cabinet are: T. L. Scott of Detroit, national deputy grand master; J. W. Hurst, Kansas City, Mo., national grand chaplain; Mrs. Hannah Bradley, St. Louis, Mo., national Beautiful Princess; Mrs. Edna Holman, St. Louis, National president. Officers Council; Mrs. Ozellah Porterfield, St. Louis, national secretary - treasurer; Mrs. Marjorie W. Holley, St. Louis, State grand queen of Missouri; Mrs. Wilza Jackson, Chicago, State grand queen of Illinois; Mrs. Leona C. Taylor of Dayton, State grand queen of Ohio; Mrs. Ellumna B. Kelley-Davis of Indianapolis, State grand queen of Indiana; Mrs. Virgil Seers, Ypsilanti, State grand queen of Michigan; Mrs. Lillian Webb. of Louisville, State grand queen of Kentucky; Mrs. Hazel Cooper, Providence, State grand queen or Rhode Island; Mrs. Janie I. Jackson, Los Angeles, State grand queen of California.

Indianapolis Wins Drill

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SAY AMOS 'N' ANDY RETARD BUSINESS

Courier 8-15-31 Pittsburgh, Pa.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 13.—(ANP)—With Louisville, Ky., as their next convention city, the Ancient, United Knights and Daughters of Africa of North America ended the twenty-fourth national grand session last Saturday evening, when a committee on resolutions declared that the Amos 'n' Andy broadcast was hindering the improvement of the race by picturing Negro secret orders as dishonest, lawyers as shysters, and exploiting the Negro for purely commercial gain. The committee asserted that the broadcasts were obnoxious to a large group of American citizens.

Patillo Re-elected

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of Indianapolis, state grand queen of Indiana; Mrs. Virgil Seers, Ypsilanti, state grand queen of Michigan; Mrs. Lillian Webb, of Louisville, state grand queen of Kentucky; Mrs. Hazel Cooper, Providence, state grand queen of Rhode Island; Mrs. Janie I. Jackson, Los Angeles, state grand queen of California.

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Elks

Fight for Leadership Ends as Delegates Defeat Opposition

By LOUIS R. LAUTIER

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28. — With the street parade, the oratorical contest, the public exercises and the memorial services over, the 32d annual session of the grand lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World got down to business Wednesday. The order of business makes the reports of grand lodge officers the first matter for the consideration of the grand lodge upon its convening Wednesday morning.

When J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, concludes his report an effort will be made to have the regular order suspended and a motion made for his re-election for a tenth term by acclamation.

Marquess Fights Wilson

No opposition of consequence has yet developed against him. There are individual delegates opposed to his continuance in office, but their combined strength as yet is not formidable. John M. Marquess, secretary of the general committee on arrangements and exalted ruler of Quaker City lodge, may be placed in nomination. If so, he says he will not decline, but will permit his name to be balloted upon.

Matters are not so certain among the women. Mrs. Abbie M. Johnson, grand daughter ruler, is facing stiff opposition. Mrs. Hattie I. Williams of Jacksonville, Fla., is opposing her. Mrs. Williams is said to have the backing of Mrs. Emma V. Kelley, grand daughter secretary, who has a large following among the women.

The grand lodge sessions are being held in the home of O. V. Catto lodge, 16th and Fitzwater Sts. The grand temple is holding its sessions in Tindley temple, Broad St., near Fitzwater. Both branches of the order held their first business sessions Tuesday morning and adjourned for the parade. After the opening ceremonies in the grand lodge Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson appointed all committees. Past Grand Exalted Rulers Armond W. Scott and T. Gilis Nutter were presented to the grand lodge and addressed the body. Mr. Scott adroitly bespoke his unremitting opposition to Mr. Wilson, while Mr. Nutter sang his praises.

Lodges Well Represented

The committee on credentials submitted its report, showing that more than 500 lodges were represented by more than 900 delegates. Adjournment was then taken in order that the delegates who were to march in the parade might join their units. Hours before the parade traffic south of Chestnut St. was paralyzed. Hundreds of policemen were unable to move either street car or automobile traffic either north or south, or east or west. The sidewalks were jammed and persons had as much difficulty walking as others had trying to ride.

The parade started from 23d St. and the Parkway and went over the following route: To city hall and south on Broad St. to Fitzwater St., west on Fitzwater St. to South 22d St., east on Christian St. to 11th St. and disbanded.

Girl Wins Contest

The national oratorical contest sponsored by the Elks was won by a 15-year-old girl, Miss Mildred Roland of Detroit, Mich. The final contest with regional winners competing was held Monday night in Tindley temple. Miss Roland competed against LeRoy Weeks of Atlantic City; Miss Edwina Barry, a local girl; F. Leslie Johnson of Orangeburg, S. C.; Miss Audrey Solete of Opelousa, La., and Millard A. Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla. The subject of her oration was "Citizenship and the Constitution." For winning the national championship she received a check for $500. As a regional winner she was given $1,000 in cash and is entitled to a scholarship. Each of the other five regional winners received $1,000 cash and will get scholarships. Miss Roland is a daughter of Mrs. Gussie Roland. She is a second-year student in the Cass Technical high school, Detroit. Her scholarship will be held in reserve for her until she completes her high school education, William C. Huesston, commisisoner of education of the Elks, stated. Miss Roland plans to use her scholarship studying social service work at Howard university.

The grand lodge session was formally welcomed to the city by Mayor Harry A. Mackey at public exercises at Tindley temple Monday afternoon. Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson responded to his address. Judge Edward W. Henry, chairman of the general committee on arrangements and exalted ruler of O. V. Catto lodge, who presided, introduced Mayor Mackey.

Mayor Welcomes Elks

Mayor Mackey in his welcome address praised Philadelphia as a city free from hatred, prejudice and bigotry. Other speakers included Mr. Marquess, Perry W. Howard, grand legal adviser; Grand Daughter Ruler Johnson, and Grand Daughter Secretary Kelley.

Monday morning at Tindley temple the second annual alumni meeting of the Elks was held. It was attended by college graduates who received scholarships from the Elks while in school. The meeting was under the supervision of Commissioner of Education Hueston. The bacalaureate address was made by Rev. George W. Avant, grand chaplain. The principal address was by Miss Ruth Matthews of Washington, D. C., winner of the Elks first oratorical contest. James A. Jackson of the United States department of commerce, Washington, D. C., was also a speaker. Memorial services were held Sunday evening in Tindley temple. Rev. Avant was the speaker.

Fight for Treasurership

The chief interest in the election of officers is in the fight over the grand treasurership. Henry S. Warner of New York is a candidate to succeed himself. He is opposed by Judge Henry and Thomas E. Greene Jr. of Akron, Ohio. Judge Henry is reported to have administration support.

Imperial lodge, of which Mr. Warner is a member, is said to have been against him. But this report is false, according to J. Dalmus Steele, a district deputy of New York city. New York is with the administration without any exceptions, Mr. Steele declared, and he added that Mr. Warner would have the support of not only the delegation from Imperial lodge, but of the entire New York state delegation. Incidentally the lodges from New York city brought four bands along with their delegations and marching clubs.

May Defeat Henry

A combination is reported to have been formed between Mr. Warner and Mr. Greene against Judge Henry. If it becomes apparent that Mr. Warner cannot win, it is reported that he will try to throw his support to Mr. Greene. On the other hand, if it is apparent that Mr. Greene will not be able to win, his support will go to Mr. Warner. No fight has yet developed on the convention city. Los Angeles was chosen as the meeting place of the grand lodge in 1932 at the convention in Detroit last year. There are rumors that an effort may be made to have the grand lodge rescind its action and choose a more central place.

Delegates are here from Monarch and Fort Dearborn lodges, which only recently paid their annual taxes. Williams lodge of Richmond, Va., is not represented.

James T. Carter, former grand treasurer, and Perry W. Howard, grand legal adviser, conferred in Washington, D. C., last Thursday night but were unable to reach an agreement whereby Williams lodge would be allowed representation in the grand lodge. According to Mr. Howard, Mr. Carter made a proposition to surrender the charter obtained in Virginia under which an effort was made to establish a rival grand lodge, if the grand lodge would dismiss its injunction proceedings in which a favorable verdict was obtained in the United States Fourth circuit court of appeals. Mr. Howard stated that Williams lodge would be welcome back into good standing in order but not upon the conditions outlined by Mr. Carter. Williams lodge is said to have offered to pay $100 on account of its annual tax, but the grand lodge officers would not accept partial payment.

Many Candidates

Roy S. Bond of Baltimore, Md., is a candidate for grand esteemed leading knight. He is indorsed by Monumental lodge and his candidacy is said to be regarded favorably by the administration. Lionel A. Kelley of Henry Lincoln Johnson lodge, Brooklyn, N. Y., is a candidate for grand esquire. One of the interesting delegates here is Dr. E. F. Gordon of Pride of Bermuda lodge, Hamilton, Bermuda. He is a medical graduate from Edinburg, Scotland. He is the first delegate his lodge has sent to an annual convention. John F. Ross of Columbia lodge, Washington, D. C., will be put forward for a grand lodge office. Herbert E. Jones, exalted ruler of Columbia lodge, stated that he was not yet in position to name the office for which his lodge would support Ross. The office would depend, he said, upon the outcome of his conferences with the leaders of other delegations in an attempt to form a combination.

Hits Chamber of Commerce

Grand Legal Adviser Perry W. Howard severely criticised the local chamber of commerce. He said that that organization sent letters to the grand lodge last year promising to help liberally in the entertainment of the grand lodge if Philadelphia should be selected as the 1931 meeting place, but that it had done nothing toward keeping its promises.

Among the persons who are here for the convention are Mr. and Mrs. J. Finley Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Nelson, William C. Hueston, Perry W. Howard, Dr. Charles Fisher, Armond W. Scott, John T. Rhines, exalted ruler of Morning Star lodge, Washington, D. C.; Herbert E. Jones, exalted ruler of Columbia lodge, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Leo S. Holton, Charles E. Hall, James A. Jackson, John H. Wilson, C. Tiffany Tolliver, Ernest Jarvis, John F. Ross, Washington, D. C.; James E. Kelley, grand secretary, Birmingham, Ala.; A. T. Walden and R. E. Pharrow, Atlanta, Ga.; T. Gilis Nutter, past grand exalted ruler, Charleston, W. Va.; Perry E. Jackson, assistant grand legal adviser, Cleveland Ohio; Isaac C. Nutter, Atlantic City; John L. Webb, Hot Springs, Ark.; Roy S. Bonds, Baltimore, Md.; Carey W. Trueheart, Atlantic City, N. J.; J. Dalmus Steele, New York; Dr. S. H. George, Paducah, Ky.; Robert L. Vann, Pittsburgh, Pa.; C. C. Valle and George W. Lee, Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Bryant, Detroit, Mich.; James C. Martin, former grand treasurer, Chicago, and Henry S. Warner, grand treasurer, New York.

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Negro Elks at the Abbey

The afternoon service at Westminster Abbey on Sunday was attended by about a hundred negroes, members and friends of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World. The Abbey authorities, I gather, had welcomed their request to be allowed to attend this service officially, and had reserved the front seats in the south transept for them, expecting them to arrive a quarter of an hour before the service. The vergers displayed some uneasiness when no Elks appeared, but just on the hour the leaders arrived wearing the coloured sashes of the order and carrying five magnificent wreaths of lilies and blue irises. The rest of the company, including twenty-five children and a number of women—"daughters of the Elks,"—came later. The Elks, who hope to establish a branch in London, have their headquarters in the United States, and among them in the Abbey were Elks from Canada, Africa, the West Indies, and India.

They followed the service with an attention that wandered occasionally to the beauty of the Abbey, but they kept their eyes steadily fixed afterwards on Canon Donaldson, who was very happy that the last sermon he delivered during his six weeks' term as canon in residence fell on a Trinity Sunday that was also Peace Sunday, and gave him an opportunity of welcoming these coloured brethren. The Elks said afterwards that it was a very fine sermon.

After the service the Canon led them to the grave of Livingstone, on which they placed a wreath, and then to the memorials of the great Abolitionists, Wilberforce, Buxton, and Zachary Macaulay, whom they similarly honoured. Crossing the road to the Lincoln statue the officials of the Order watched Mrs. Gale, wife of their chief travelling organiser, place a wreath at the base, before one of them, a tall, handsome man, paid his tribute to the great emancipator. Finally the little group joined hands and to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" they sang "The Elks' Ode," which begins with the words "Great Ruler of the Universe."

ST. LOUIS, MO.
GLOBE-DEMOCRAT

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ONE WESTMINSTER ABBEY SERVICE.

"Are you an Elk?" is an inquiry new to London, but, according to the Manchester Guardian, the old town had a rather interesting introduction to the order, at least to a Negro branch of so-called clandestine or unapproved status in the United States.

On a recent Sunday 100 front seats were reserved in no less a house of worship than Westminster Abbey and to the minute, at the appointed hour for service, 100 Negro Elks, originally from Canada, Africa and the West Indies, displaying badges and bright-colored sashes, marched in, accompanied by their wives and children. Each of five members of the party carried a large and elaborate wreath of lilies and other flowers.

In his sermon on peace and the duty of all races to dwell in unison, Canon Donaldson voiced a warm welcome to the Elks. The congregation found it worth their while to give close attention to the group and an incident deemed dramatic followed at the conclusion of the service. Falling in line behind the canon, the Elks marched with some ceremony to the tomb of Livingston, the great African explorer. Here they deposited one of the five wreaths. Continuing their march, they laid a wreath in turn on abbey memorials to Wilberforce and to Buxton and Zachary Macauley, who, like Wilberforce, had an important part in the crusade against slavery.

One wreath was left, and with this the 100 Negroes marched out of the abbey and across the square to the statue of Abraham Lincoln. There, one of the women placed the flowers in position and a Negro, described as "tall and handsome," spoke briefly in gratitude to Old Abe. Whereupon the whole group joined hands and sang "Great Ruler of the Universe," old lodge ode of white Elks.

Evidently an agreeable impression was made on London. They plan, says the Guardian, to establish a lodge of Negro Elks in London.

Elks Parade A Real Colorful Pageant

8-2-31

TWENTY THOUSAND TAKE PART IN GREAT DEMONSTRATION

Philadelphia, Aug. 29 (CNS)—Twenty thousand Elks and daughter Elks from every section of the country, South America and the West Indies marched down Broad Street Tuesday with J. Finley Wilson, "little Napoleon' of the order at their head. The parade, which was witnessed by fully a hundred thousand people, was nearly ten miles long and took some five hours to pass the reviewing stand. The vivid colors of the uniforms and the marching groups of the various lodges showed up in a blaze of color all along the line.

Police Head Line

A detachment of Philadelphia Negro police led by Sergeant Robert Forgy; headed the long line that swung into Broad Street from the Parkway. Immediately behind this group marched 12 Negro firemen from Engine Company No. 11, the Lieutenant Peter Graham led the only Negro fire unit in Philadelphia unit.

Attracting much attention, was the mounted patrol of Quaker City Lodge No. 720. The patrol's uniforms were like those worn by the First City Troops on State occasions They differed only in colors, the Quaker City units being purple and white.

The boys got one of the biggest "hands' of any in the line of march. They were led by Arthur Birchett.

Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, recognized as the foremost "tap dancer" in the country, a member of the mighty Monarch Lodge, New York, was spotted by a few. As word was relayed that "Bojangles" was strutting his stuff, applause rippled along the line.

In a car at the head of his lodge O. V. Catto, No. 20, Magistrate Edward W. Henry chairman of the committee acting as host to the convention, hugged a large bouquet of flowers to his bosom and smiled broadly

Then followed the Grand Lodge officers: William Hueston, Commissioner of Education; Perry W. Howard. grand legal adviser; Willian Avant, grand chaplain; James Kelley, grand secretary, and Henry Warner, grand treasurer.

The entire first division of the parade was comprised of the two Philadelpha lodges, O. V. Catto and Quaker City, led by its exalted ruler John M. Marquess, and the three local temples, Keystone, Quaker City, and Phyllis Wheatley. More than 5000 Philadelphia Elks and Daughter Elks were in the parade.

The Phyllis Wheatley Temple drill team, attired in purple and white silk sport pajamas and wide-brimmed white Baku hats, received applause. Quaker City Lodge Loyal Legion composed of ex-service men, and its marching club, led by "Colonel" John Freeamn ,the O. V. Catto String Band, and the Lighthouse Lodge drill unit, of Atlantic City, were other conspicuous groups.

But it remained for Quaker City Lodge to supply the unusual in Elk parade technique. A cavalcade of motorcycles astride which rode nattily attired members of the Marching Club proved highly picturesque.

Among the units in line were: American Legion Post No. 292, O. V. Catto drill team, O. V. Catto String Band, Phyllis Wheatley Bugle Corps Keystone Temple Marching Club and String Band, Pride of Camden Lodge Pride of Glen Rock Lodge, of Glen Rock, N. J.

Other Units in Line

Mohawk Lodge, Plainfield, N. J.; Lighthouse Lodge and Pride of Atlantic Temple, Atlantic City; Morning Star Lodge, Columbia Lodge and Columbia Temple, Washington; Clinton Lewis Lodge and Twilight Temple, Bristol; Elwood Lodge, Norristown; John Watts Lodge and Susan Shads Temple, Chester, Pa., and Jacksonville Temple, Jacksonville, Fla.

Greafer Newark Lodge, Newark, N. J.; Manhattan Lodge, Manhattan Temple and Industry Lodge, Now York: Paul Lawrence Dunbar Lodge Wilmington, Del.; Mighty Monarch Marching Club, New York; South Shore Temple, Bayside, N. Y.; Brooklyn Lodge, Excelsior Temple and Progressive Temple, Brooklyn, and Phyllis Wheatley Temple, Boston.

PHILLY IS HOST TO ELKS

Courier

8-29-31

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Quaker City Has Planned Full Week of Entertainment For Thousands of Visitors.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 27—Mayor Harry A. Mackey gave two official welcomes to the Grand Lodge of Elks here on Monday.

Speaking before Grand Exalted

Ruler J. Finley Wilson and other high officials of the order in Independence Hall at noon, Mr. Mackey said in part: "This is liberty's shrine. It is not mine. It does not belong to Philadelphia but it is the property of the country as a whole. It just happened that this was the location where liberty was born. We Philadelphians are keeping it and guarding it for you."

Later in the afternoon the popular executive was present at Tindley Temple again to extend the city's welcome to the members of the 32nd annual grand lodge and its accompanying visitors from the four corners of the world.

Referring to a remark of Perry Howard, grand legal adviser, that the Negro Elks had seen the faults of the white Elks and had "improved" the body, Mr. Mackey said that "a lot of them could stand 'improvement'."

"Philadelphia is proud of your race," said the mayor, "and proud of of your accomplishments. Here we do not judge people as a race but judge every man in an individual way."

The second annual alumni meeting, or educational forum, was held in Tindley Temple on Monday morning under the direction of Commissioner of Education William C. Hueston. Here were gathered many of the 1931 graduates of various schools throughout the country and whose education had been provided by Elks' scholarships. Among those present were graduates from the Universities of Kansas, Nebraska, and Syracuse, and Howard and John C. Smith universities. Miss Ruth Matthews, of Washington, winner of the first national oratorical contest, was the principal speaker.

Dr. John C. Bruce, assistant supervisor of schools in Washington, and John Thomas Butler, of this city, also made addresses.

Quaker City Lodge Dedicates Home

On Sunday morning Quaker City Lodge, No. 720, celebrated the coming of the Grand Lodge with an initiation of a class of 403 new Elks. Following the initiation the new building was dedicated in a brief ceremony.

Order of Reindeers Re-elects Edwards

Boston Convention Protests Breaking Up of 10th U. S. Cavalry

Knights Lodge No. 15 and Thistle Lodge No. 20, the two local orders of the Benevolent, Protective Order of Reindeers, together with their female auxiliaries, were represented at the annual convention of the order held last week in Boston. Delegates for the former lodge were Walter Robinson, dictator; Darrell Campbell and James Stewart. Bruce Roberts, J. Bridgewater and E. Edwards represented the latter as delegates, and Mrs. Ella Wilkerson, noble queen of the Ella Wilkerson Chapter No. 11, acted for the woman's auxiliary.

A number of prominent New Yorkers, including J. Dalmus Steele, were present. Wallace B. Edwards of Asbury Park was re-elected grand dictator; Robert Newman, Atlantic City, grand secretary; Henry Dart, Atlantic City, grand vice-dictator; Herbert Harris, Washington, grand treasurer; J. Bridgewater, New York, grand lecturing dictator; Henry Wilkie, Boston, master of works; Charles R. Norman, sergeant-at-arms; James Worrell, New York, grand organizer.

The convention adopted two resolutions, one of which was to be forwarded to President Hoover, and protested against the breaking up of the 10th U. S. Cavalry; and the other, to be sent to the Governor of Alabama, protested against the treatment accorded the convicted boys in the Scottsboro case.

The Order of Reindeers is the reconstructed former Order of Moose, which was compelled to disband under court order. It was organized in 1925 by Alexander Braithwaite in Newark and now comprises twenty-two lodges located in the states of New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Virginia, and Washington, D. C.

Last week's sessions were held in Ruggles Hall. The women met in the Twelfth Baptist Church on Shawmut street. Mrs. Bessie Waddell, grand noble queen of the Reindeers, entertained many of the New York visitors.

Next year's session will be held in Washington, D. C.

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Elks in Closing Hilarity Trim Salaries and Dues

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Baltimore, Md.

Effort to Make 50 Per cent Cut in All Pay Envelopes Averted by Quick Action. Delegates Unknowingly also Chop Down their Own Fees.

By LOUIS R. LAUTIER

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Fickle and farcical to the end, the thirty-second annual grand lodge session of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World closed its meeting here last Saturday in a spirit of hilarity seldom witnessed in grand lodge sessions.

This spirit prevailed notwithstanding the fact that the pay of delegates, who served as doorkeepers and on committees, was reduced nearly one-half of that usually received.

Before adjournment, the grand lodge began preparations for its 1932 meeting in Los Angeles. The first step was the cutting of pay of the delegates who rendered service in this convention.

Salary Cuts

On the closing day the salary of Perry W. Howard, grand legal adviser, was restored to $3,000 a year. When the grand lodge reconsidered its previous action and voted to let his salary remain at what it had been, he offered to give $600 of his salary back to the grand lodge. His offer was accepted.

The commissioner of education followed him and proposed that his salary be reduced from $3,000 to $2,400, and that the saving of $600 be given to six regional directors of his department. The grand lodge approved this recommendation.

The restoration of the salary of Mr. Howard came after he had made his annual report as grand legal adviser, during which he was loudly applauded and even cheered by the delegates, who on the evening before were ready to trim his salary to almost nothing.

Annual Tax

A proposition from Morning Star Lodge, Washington, D.C., proposed a reduction of the annual tax of $1 a member to 50 cents a member, and a reduction of salaries of all grand lodge officers to less than 50 per cent of what they had been receiving. Under this proposition the salary of the grand exalted ruler would have been reduced from $5,000 to $2,400, the salary of the grand secertary from $5,000 to $3,000, the salary of the grand treasurer from $1,200 to $600, and the salary of the commissioner of education from $3,000 to $1,800.

Quick Action

By quick action administration leaders got the sections of the proposition touching the salaries of the grand exalted ruler, the grand secretary, the grand treasurer, and the commissioner of education stricken from the proposition. The committee on law and revision had recommended the rejection of the whole proposition.

Armond W. Scott, past grand exalted ruler, of Washington, D.C., the author of the proposition, led the attack on the committee recommendation of rejection of the section of the proposition proposing reduction of the salary of the grand legal adviser to $600 a year. Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, sensing the determination of the delegates to slash salaries, suggested a compromise salary of $2,000 a year, which was approved.

Trustees Reduced

The annual salary of each of the grand trustees was reduced from $600 to $300 a year. The salary of each of the grand auditors was reduced from $400 to $200 a year.

The joker was the adoption of a provision limiting grand lodge committees to seven members and the pay of committee members and appointive officers to $10 each for their services during a grand lodge session. Their pay had been $7 a day previously and there was no limit to the number of members who could be appointed on any committee. In this instance, the delegates were not aware of what they were approving. The motion for approval was made by Herbert E. Jones, exalted ruler of Columbia Lodge, Washington, D.C.

Los Angeles in 1932

The fight over the 1932 meeting place was scheduled before it reached the convention place. Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson called on Grand Legal Adviser Howard for an interpretation of the law and the action of the 1930 convention in selecting Los Angeles as the 1932 meeting place. Grand Legal Adviser Howard ruled that the grand lodge had authority to suspend its rules at its 1930 convention and select Los Angeles as its 1932 meeting place, and having done so had entered into contractual relations with Golden West Lodge of Los Angeles.

John M. Marquess, exalted ruler of Quaker City Lodge, who had made the motion for suspension of the rules and the selection of Los Angeles as the 1932 meeting place, made a motion to ratify the action of the Detroit convention, but this motion was ruled out of order and opponents of Los Angeles as the next meeting place were not given a chance to make their fight on the floor.

Resolution to Hoover

The grand exalted ruler, the chairman of the civil liberties commission, the grand legal adviser, and two other members to be appointed by Mr. Wilson were instructed to carry to the President immediately a resolution offered by Armond W. Scott deploring the action of the War Department in reducing the Tenth Cavalry "to military serfdom" and practically effacing the Negro as a "military factor in the American Army" and calling on Negroes to use their influence against those responsible for this action and "to stand by and vote for those men and women, who are ready hereafter to stand for fair play and justice."

Committee

The committee on address to the country consisting of Harry H. Pace, of Chicago; Dr. J. H. P. Westbrook, of Denver; Benjamin F. Cofer, of Atlanta; and Dr. E. T. Belsaw, of Mobile, Ala., issued the following address to the country:

Address to the Country

"The grand idoge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in this, its annual address to the country is cognizant of the seriousness of the times. It recognizes the conditions which have beset the entire world, in which factories have shut down, crops have been destroyed, floods and plagues have affected the people, and dire want and unemployment have stalked throughout the land.

"It begs to advise caution to itself and to all our people against any universal panacea which will remedy this condition. It believes that the severity of the times through which we are passing can only be modified by the use of sound common sense in conduct and high ideals of honesty in purpose.

Radicals

"It condemns most heartily any political, fraternal or religious propaganda that would associate the name of the Negro with that of the forces which are at work for the overthrow of good government and the established order of things. The Negro race throughout the years has ever been loyal, patriotic and safe. This is no time to temporize with or experiment with ideas that will put the race in the line-up of radicals, socialists or communists. No cure can be effected for the ills that beset us along with the rest of the world unless the ideals of religion, law and government are supported and maintained.

10th Cavalry

"Because of the record which has been made by these regiments, we protest the recent executive order issued by the War Department of our government by which all the Negro regiments of the regular Army have been reduced to the status of non-combatants. The Negro has a long and honorable record as a soldier. From the fall of Crispus Attucks on Boston Commons, down through Fort Pillow and Fort Wagner in the Civil War, to El Caney and San Juan in Cuba, and to the Argonne and the Marne in France, the youth of our race have given freely of their blood that the nation should live and that this government should not perish. To reduce these regiments to the rank of common labor battalions is base ingratitude on the part of a government to which we have ever been loyal and to whose support we have heretofore willingly given our lives.

Vote for Your Own Candidates

"We recognize the growing consciousness of power among our people in the judicious exercise of the ballot. We urge upon our membership that it shall, in those sections wherever possible, be practically mandatory that they shall qualify themselves fully to vote. We urge a free and frequent use of our ballots to the end that members of the race who are capable and qualified may be placed in positions in the administration of the government, whereby the best interests of our people may be served.

"We urge the united support of candidates of our own race for membership in State Legislatures, in boards of aldermen and in the city councils and on school boards and boards of local taxation, and in the Congress of the United States, from every community or district where the population of our race will justify our demands for such representation.

Spend Your Money Where You Work

"We commend and approve the principle recently enunciated as to race patronage. We believe that if we shall ever emerge from the economic status in which we find ourselves that we must learn the laws of co-operation and racial solidarity along business lines. The purchasing power of Negroes particularly in cities is tremendous and through the mere sale of necessities to ourselves we could command more places of employment for our people.

"We condemn any practice which might lead to boycott of any legitimate business or enterprise, but we do believe that the doctrine of 'Do not spend your money where you cannot work' is sound in both principle and practice and will lead to the sure economic emancipation of our people. We therefore urge upon our people everywhere the application of this doctrine.

Education

"We believe in the education of our young people as is shown by the work which the department of education of the order has so successfully achieved. We urge a continuation of this work and that our membership and the race generally give to their sons and daughters the opportunity to partake of all the advantages of a good education from the learning of a trade to the practice of a profession.

Religion

"Finally we urge upon our people a return to the faith of our fathers in larger measure than has been practiced heretofore. The deep-seated religious feeling of our race and the principles which have been instilled into us at our mother's knees, should not be departed from, to the end that our people shall be blessed with a greater abundance by an all-wise Providence.

Jim Crow

"While we subscribe to all the tenets of loyalty to the flag and live of country, we must continually demand the same protection which that flag gives to all other Americans and we shall and must continuously protest until lynching, segregation, Jim Crowism and all race prejudice and oppression shall be wiped out of our national life."

Officers

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, Washington, D.C.; James E. Kelley, grand secretary, Birmingham, Ala.; Edward W. Henry, grand treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. S. H. George, grand esteemed leading knight, Paducah, Ky.; Roy S. Bond, grand esteemed loyal knight, Baltimore, Md.; Edward Simons, grand esteemed lecturing knight, New York; John F. Ross, grand inner guard, Washington, D.C.; Sidney B. Thompson, grand esquire, Cleveland, O.; Joseph B. Levy, grand tiler, Minneapolis, Minn.; Perry W. Howard, grand legal adviser, Washington, D.C.; the Rev. W. George Avant, grand chaplain, Durham, N.C.; William C. Hueston, commissioner of education, Washington, D.C.; Col. John R. Marshall, Chicago; Carey Trueheart, Atlantic City, N.J.; Robert R. Church, Memphis, Tenn.; R. E. Pharrow, Atlanta, Ga.; and B. J. Bryant, Detroit, Mich., grand trustees. Dr. Thomas I. Love, Raleigh, N.C.; James B. Allen, New York; and James T. Cooper, Chicago, grand auditors. Robert J. Nelson, chairman, civil liberties commission, Washington, D.C.; Dr. W. J. Thompkins, chairman, health commission, Kansas City, Mo.; and Dr. Charles B. Fisher, executive secretary, Health Commission, Washington, D.C.

WILSON, KELLY AND HUESTON ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Chicago Defender 8-29-31

584 Lodges Represented By 988 Delegates. Marquess Vs. Wilson

Washington Bee

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—At the conclusion of their respective annual reports, Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, Grand Secretary James E. Kelly and Commissioner of Education William C. Hueston were re-elected by acclamation by the grand lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in session here.

The rules of the grand lodge were suspended in each case to permit their reelection without balloting. There were no opposition to suspension of the rules except in the case of Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson.

When he finished reading his report, Dr. J. E. Mills, past grand exalted ruler of Norfolk, Va., who was presiding, recognized J. Dalmus Steele, a district deputy, of New York. The latter made a motion for suspension of the rules and the reelection of Mr. Wilson by acclamation.

Oscar Adams of Birmingham, Ala., offered an amendment to include reference to the report of the grand exalted ruler to a committee. Amid cries of those who were unready to vote, Dr. Mills attempted to have the motion voted upon. An uproar in the convention resulted. 8-28-31

Marquess Speaks

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Nutter ruled that Mr. Marquess would have to confine his remarks to a statement of his unreadiness. The delegates demanded that he be allowed to talk. The presiding officer stood by his ruling, but allowed Mr. Marquess to resume his speech

after Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson asked that he be permitted to say anything he pleased.

Dr. H. C. Oliver of New York, who followed Mr. Marquess, chided the latter for opposing the motion to suspend the rules when he two years ago had made an identical motion. Applause and booes greeted this remark of the speaker.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Armond W. Scott also spoke in opposition to the motion.

Cites Federal Case

Isaac C. Nutter of Atlantic City, N. J., declared that the grand lodge had just come through a crisis in the Federal courts in the injunction proceedings to prevent the use of its name in Virgina, and there was no technicality of law to stop the grand lodge from showing its approval of the leadership of Wilson by suspending its rules and reelecting him by acclamation.

As Ike Nutter concluded, there were cries of "Vote! Vote!" His brother, Grand Exalted Ruler Nutter, declared the motion in order and a standing vote was taken. An overwhelming majority of the delegates voted in its favor. The Quaker City lodge delegation voted against the motion.

In his report Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson recommended that the money of the order be kept in vaults, where advisable, so that the principal may be saved even though interest is lost, until banks prove a safe place of deposit. He also recommended promotion of athletics by development of leagues in urban centers and the formation of an economic commission. He reported a total expense account for the year, including his salary, of $9,734. He also denounced former Grand Secretary George E. Bates, former Grand Treasurer James T. Carter and Casper Holstein.

Praises Philadelphia

"As in those far by-gone days," he declared in his report, "independence was here declared by patriots of a revolutionary era, so we, the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World have chosen this spot, the apex of this Keystone State, to declare to the world of Elkdom that for the first time in history our beloved order is the one and only grand lodge, free and independent and improved, with the right to set up, and to operate and control affairs throughout a world jurisdiction."

WILSON OUTLINES PROGRAM FOR ELKS FOR 1932

Annual Convention to Los Angeles. New Educational Opportunities For Year

(By Trezzvant W. Anderson, Staff Correspondent For The Associated Negro Press)—Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley, of the I.B. P.O. Elks of the World, in an interview with the Associated Negro Press, announced the 1932 program and plans of his monster organization, which closed its 32nd annual convention in Philadelphia last week.

According to the statement made by Mr. Wilson, the year of 1932 will embrace a number of expansions, new additional features, with especial attention to the educational work of the order, and the promulgation of the Elk creed among the younger juveniles. Also the improved financial status of the order will be taken under consideration.

The biggest project of the year will be the drive for the National Shrine, the location of which has not been announced. In connection with this, it is also promised that a plant will be built by the Elks, for the manufacture of all the regalia, and equippment of the order thereby giving employment to some of the race group.

One hundred new civil liberties leagues will be established during the year, it is hoped and all will continue under the supervision of Judge Walter H. Land, Norfolk, Va., chairman; Robert J. Nelson, Washington, director, and George W. Lee, Memphis, Tenn., secretary in arranging for this movement all the leaders held a conference with Mr. Wilson prior to the adjournment of the convention, and promised to do the hardest work of their past to bring in a red-letter report when the convention meets at Los Angeles, Cal., in August, 1932.

The Junior Elks will receive full attention this year, with 100 new herds to be set up, with twenty-five alone in the state of Texas, where twenty-five new lodges are also to be set up. According to the plans of the ruler, Texas will have the largest delegation of any state in the Union at Los Angeles. In the Educational field a new feature is being introduced for the first trial.

The boys and girls striving for educational prizes of the Elks will be reqired to write essays of not more than 500 words, on subjects dealing with the Race question, and with the United States Constitution, the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th Amendments of the Constitution. In his characteristic manner, Mr. Wilson smilingly stated that he hoped the Elks would "discover a Fred Douglass among the writers, who would shatter the economic chains of today, as Douglas shattered the chains of slavery in his days."

From the Bermudas, the Behamas, the Antilles, the Phillipines, Central and South America, and Old Mexico have already come greetings for the 1932 Convention, and every promise of earnest cooperation from those foreign parts, all of which bode good and progress to to the Order. According to Mr. Wilson, each of these countries, and places will have a full delegation on hand in Los Angeles next year.

Commenting on the past convention, Mr. Wilson declared that it "has been the most harmonious, best managed, and conducted meeting we have ever had." He was loud in his praise of the courtesy and treatment accorded the Elks in Philadelphia, and pointed with pride to the fact that disorderly conduct was at a minimum.

An increase of 50 per cent is expected in the financial strength of the order and all economics which will tend towards an effective creation of this increase will be furthered by the Elk leaders throughout their terms of office, Mr. Wilson assured.

AGAIN G. DT. RULER

MRS. ABBIE M. JOHNSON RE-ELECTED HEAD OF TEMPLES—MASS. GETS A FLAG—BOSTON TEMPLE 2ND PRIZE.

Philadelphia, Penn., Aug. 30, 193- —With many thousands at the nventio nof the Daughter Elks of I.B. P.O.E.W., the Grand Temple opened with a promising business Session, with the Grand Daughter Ruler, Abbie M. Johnson of Philadelphia presiding, this being her second term.

G.D.R. Re-elected

The first of the Officers' Reports was that of the Grand Daughter Ruler whose very eloquent report resulted in a lively demonstration of a desire to re-elect her to office by acclamation. This was not granted by the G.D.R. because of another candidate in the field. Dt. Hattie I. Williams of Florida, who was defeated by a large majority. Rev. Josephine Beckton played a large part with her spiritual songs and prayers throughout the Session.

Other Officers

G. Vice Dt. Ruler, Elizabeth Kimbrough of New York, was unanimously elected amid cheers and more cheers, headed by her Boosters. G. Asst. Dt. R., Mary Blocker of New York, who succeeded herself, defeated Dt. Florence Jackson of Mass., and Dt. Garrett of Maryland. G. Chaplain, Edna Haynes of New York amid cheers was reelected to office, having defeated her two opponents, by a large majority. Rev. Sec., Dt. Nellie McCullough reelected. It is needless to say that cheers and more cheers were given to the Supreme Mother and Founder of this Grand Body—the Grand Fin. Sec., Emma V. Kelley of Norfolk, Va., who, 29 years ago, started this Body wth four women. Now they are 40,000 in number. Amid all the cheers a song dedicated to her, "Honor be to Mother Kelley" was sung and she was relected for the 30th year. The Grand Treasurer, Dt. Frances Young of Virginia was reelected having defeated Dt. Toby Grant of Georgia. Dt. Young was one of the four women who started the Order and the only Treasurer for those 29 years. Grand Escort and Assistant, Dt. Stuart and Dt. Rachel Chaney of New York. G. Arganist, Dt. Carrie Curtis, was defeated by Dt. Florence Cochrane of Ohio. G. Doorkeeper and Gatekeeper, Dt. Dorsey and Henson. Grand Trustees were Dt. Ward (3 years), Dt. Wiggins Clarkson, formerly of Boston, now of Delaware, and Dt. Mary O. Jackson of Virginia (Each 1 year).

Presentations were made to Grand Officers, Deputies, etc., including a Jewel Collar made up of gold money presented to the G.D.R. and donations toward a car for her.

Loving Cups and Flags

The Session closed Saturday with prizes being awarded to the different states for good behaviour during the Sessions of the week. Loving cups were presented to Maryland, New York, Virginia and Illinois. Eight flags were presented, Massachusetts being among the number to receive one.

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Grand United Order of Moses

Thousands Attend 28th Sessions Of Order Of Moses

Courier 9-5-31

Pittsburgh, Pa.

By FLOYD J. CALVIN, Special Feature Writer

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE, Va., Sept. 3—A riot of color in a pastoral setting. Ten thousand people, from every city, town, hamlet, crossroads and R. F. D. for miles and miles around. The one holiday in the year that Southern Virginia looks forward to, anticipates, prepares for. The annual gathering of thee Grand United Order of Moses, Inc., a fraternal insurance organization operating in the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia, with a net worth of $124,316.26 and a rating of 115 per cent solvent.

Such was the magnet that for the 28th time drew a great throng for three days to celebrate the founding of this organization in 1904. A record of consistent growth in good times and bad, a spotless record of promptly paying all claims when due and of having no encumbrances at the time of the 28th annual gathering, with a right worthy grand leader, Rev. James Murray Jeffress, who conceived the order, nurtured it, built it, still guides it with the undivided allegiance of his followers—such a record and such a leader are the forces that have made Charlotte Court House, nothing but a little country town, the mecca for cars bearing foreign license tags, for heads of institutions throughout the state and for the local white citizenry who admire constructive work and community building.

Tuesday night was visitors' night. By special invitation more than 200 white people were bidden to come to Moses Auditorium between 8 and 10 to "inspect our offices, dormitories and grounds" and "at 9 p. m. the Charlotte County Training School Glee Club will render a program of spirituals and other selections." The white people came and inspected the offices and buildings and nearly filled the auditorium that seats 600. Miss Ethel Lena Ragsdale presided in presenting the Glee Club, the Ragsdale Quartet and readings by Irene Hamlette and Clarence Gray. After which Mrs. Zena Wilson Jeffress took charge and asked for expressions from "the cream of Charlotte County's white citizens." Those who spoke, expressing appreciation of the program rendered and giving praise to the Order of Moses, its founder and leader and the work accomplished, were Rev. A. L. Hopkins and Robert S. Chamberlayne of Charlotte Court House; J. C. Puddy, sheriff, and Mrs. A. G. Neal of Keysville; Hon. D. Q. Eggleston, member of the Legislature, of Drake's Branch; W. H. Hamilton of Saxe, and Miss Susie Watson of Cullen. Rev. William R. Johnson, field secretary of the Negro Organization Society of Virginia, made a spirited plea for greater inter-racial co-operation, particularly in the health program that is being promoted by his organization.

The Wednesday morning session was devoted mainly to an executive session of members only, but in the afternoon, in Moses Hall, where all sessions were held, the formal opening of the convention was held. Prof. S. P. Morton, principal of the county training school, and the Hon. R. Page Morton (white), a lawyer, delivered addresses of welcome. Attorney Morton declared the delegates were welcome, not only for this year, but future years, and said the white people looked forward to the annual gathering with as much interest as the colored people. Response was made by Richard E. Jones, an insurance man of Roanoke.

At this point a program for juveniles was presented by Mrs. Martha A. Ragsdale, right worthy grand senior mother and secetrary of the order. Mrs. Mary F. Mitchell, senior mother of the juveniles, of South Boston, came forward and presented Ruth Chism, Lula Lewis, Naomi Fleming and Virginia Ray, who sang several numbers, accompanied by Miss Lottie Mae Canada, organist of the First Baptist Church, South Boston, and pianist for the convention. Another quartet, composed of Henry Randolph, Janie Johnson and Rosetta Randolph, sang, and readings were given by Mrs. Millie Henry and Marjorie Jeffress. Miss Evelyn Ragsdale sang and Wilson Jeffres played and sang.

On Wednesday evening the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. Scott of Glassboro, N. J. The committee on permanent organization brought in a report to re-elect all present officers, which was accepted and adopted without a dissenting vote. Present officers are Rev. Jeffress, R. W. G. leader, who has held the office since 1904; Rev. M. A. Foster, R. W. G. vice leader; Mrs. M. A. Ragsdale, R. W. C. secretary, who has held the office since 1913; D. M. Ragsdale, R. W. treasurer, who has held the office for 18 years, and I. C. Barrett, deputy treasurer, who has held the office since the organization was founded, 28 years ago. Rev. Foster, who lives in Riverton, N. J., is financial agent for the Moses Old oFlks' Home and Hospital. The present board of directors is composed of Rev. Jeffress, Rev. Foster, D. M. Ragsdale, Mrs. Zena W. Jeffress, I. C. Barrett, Phoenix; J. A. Jeffress, Brookneal; S. L. Bassett, Brookneal, and Mrs. M. A. Ragsdale and Rev. S. W. Smith, South Boston, Va.

Thursday was the big day of the week. As early as 8 a. m. the crowds began to pour in. By 10 getting about the grounds was done with great difficulty. The grand secretary rendered her report for the year at the early meeting, which showed the splendid financial ocondition of the organization. The next big attraction was the annual address of the R. W. G. leader. A brass band from Petersburg, with J. B. Tynes as conductor, played as the audience assembled in the auditorium, taking all available space, and standing in the aisles and rear. The leader was escorted to the platform by two of the four marshals of the day, O. C. Connor and O. W. Jones of Roanoke. The speaker was presented by the vice leader amidst wild applause. Rev. Jeffress, in his address, stressed the teachings of Booker T. Washington as his creed, and said the organization had been built on the platform laid down by Dr. Washington, to keep working and looking ahead and striving to do better each year. Rev. Jeffress stressed the need of fraternals in the life of the race to protect the weak and provide for a rainy day. He admonished the young men to not be afraid to do whatever work they found to do, until they could do better. He told business men to improve their businesses, clean up and advertise. He said the Order of Moses is in a strong position because it has proved it is of service to the people and that it will not fail the people in times of need. At the close of his speech Rev. Jeffress recommended that the order endorse the inter-racial commission, the Negro Organization Society, the Federation of Negro Fraternals and urged a home and hospital day, the proceeds of which should go to the Moses Old Folks' Home and Hospital.

After the speech by the leader the band led the grand parade from the Moses grounds to Charlotte Court House and back, a distance of one mile.

In the afternoon the main speech-making of the week was heard. The speaker of the day, Dr. Gordon Blaine Hancock of Virginia Union University, addressed the audience on "The Pressing Needs of the Negro." Dr. Hancock, in his usual forceful manner, reiterated his oft-discussed warning to the race on its economic plight. The "Gloomy Dean" prophesied the race will lose out in the large cities and be forced back to the soil.

Following Dr. Hancock was William C. Cooper, director of extension work at Hampton Institute, who spoke for 15 minutes on the value of building Negro business, and after Mr. Cooper came Rev. William R. Johnson, who again spoke on the health program being sponsored throughout the state by the Rosenwald and other philanthropic interests. Dr. Vernon Johns, president of the Virginia Theological Seminary at Lynchburg, spoke briefly in praise of the Order of Moses and its leader. served the delegates in the Moses hall dining room, as was done throughout the week. Thursday evening a concert by the Training School Glee Club was presented by Miss Ethel Ragsdale. The meetings continued through Friday afternoon. Some indication of the sentiment of the local people was expressed in a letter from W. G. Williams, treasurer of Charlotte County, and R. Bruce Jackson, president of the State Bank of Charlotte County, Drake's Branch. Mr. Williams wrote: "I regret I cannot be with you, but wish to assure you that my heart is with you and hope this may be the best meeting you ever had. May God bless your efforts." Mr. Jackson wrote: "It was indeed hard for me to realize while visiting and inspecting, on your invitation, the grounds Order of Moses, that you had made such strides in such a short while, and a great deal of credit is due your officers and especially you, 'The Father' of this organization. But for the fact the head and founder of this order is an upright, honest and trustworthy man, I do not think these great things you have accomplished could have been possible. I am proud we have such an organization for the upbuilding and protection of our colored citizens in our county and community, and with you at its head I feel sure this organization has a great future."

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Improved Order of Shepherds and Daughters of Bethlehem

IMP. ORDER OF SHEPHERDS HOLDS CONFAB

Defender

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—The 21st annual convention of the Improved Order of Shepherds and Daughters of Bethlehem was held last week at Central Baptist church, Rev. Charles L. Blackwell, pastor, and the session were a decided success and well attended.

Much stress was laid on proposed program, having for its object economic improvement, relief of unemployment and getting our men out of the bread line. Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes, grand presiding shepherd, was re-elected by acclamation. Mrs. Susie J. Hollinson, vice grand shepherd, was also re-elected. Mrs. N. A. Lockett, well-known Philadelphian, was reappointed on the board of directors and Miss Florence E. Kemp and Mrs. Martha J. Simmons were new appointees. Mrs. Mary E. Freeman, Pennsylvania state deputy, with Thomas Finch, Joseph D. Thomas, assistant in state deputy work. James P. Turner and Mrs. Mamie Yates were admitted to the grand fold official staff.

It was voted to hold the next session, the 22d, of the Improved Order of Shepherds and Daughters of Bethlehem in Richmond, Va., in September, 1932.

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Independent Order of Good Samaritans.

Good Samaritans Hold Ninth Biennial Convention Here

Officers who are presiding at the session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Samaritans, conducted at the Perkins Square Baptist Church this week. Sitting left to right: Mrs. E. Louise Phillips, Brunswick, Ga.; Mrs. Camille Rodman, New York; Rev. M. Warley, Sumpter, S.C.; Mrs. Birdie Bird, Brunswick, Ga. Standing: Charles M. Fasutt, Philadelphia; I. D. Higgs, West Palm Beach, Fla.; J. H. Dale Jr., Washington, D.C.; J. C. Collier, Augusta, Ga.; R. A. Smith, West Palm Beach, Fla.

HON. J. W. THOMPSON
National P.G. Sire—Richmond, Va.

SAMARITANS REGISTRATION IS HEAVY FOR WEEK

Delegates Here from Every Section of Country.

Registration for the second day of the convention of Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria in session at Perkins Square Baptist Church, brought many new delegates to be enrolled, according to Alonzo Gantt, chairman of the housing and information bureau and financial secretary of Queen Esther Lodge.

Those who registered Monday and Tuesday were: Mrs. Emma Hall, Edna Daile, Mary D. James, Cornelia Roderman, the Rev. G. E. Stewart, New York; Richard A. Ingraham, Shields, Jesterville, Md.; W. H. Foster, Mt. Clare, N.J.; M. Jackson, Newark; Miss M. Barnes, Mt. Clare, N.J.; Jessie Burnett, Washington, D.C.; Rosie G. Barty, Washington, D.C.

State Grand Chief

A. G. W. Gaines, Washington, D.C.; Joseph Franklin, Harmon, Md.; Mrs. Fannie Ellicott, Princess Anne Co., Va.; Webster Dean, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Alberta Ware, New London, Conn.; Mrs. Alice Epps, New York; Mrs. L. Fells, Emma Green, Florence Allen, M. E. Clark, Philadelphia; W. A. Crutcher, Philadelphia; W. W. Miller, Norfolk; A. Jefferson, Philadelphia; Mrs. Priscilla Coates, Joe Coates, Bestigne, Md.; C. E. Holland, state grand chief, Berlin, Md.

Also on List

J. Gray, Eliza Jones, Anna Jones, Lillian Hall, J. A. Diggs, Waterbury, Md.; Mrs. S. Raymond, B. Philips, Philadelphia; Samuel Cook, Mrs. S. O. Williams, Harmon, Md.; the Rev. A. Allen, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Ella Jennings, Miami, Fla.

Panama; J. P. Hubbard, A. C. Hubbard, Lynchburg, Va.; Mary S. Clark, Annie R. Butler, Pomonky, Md.; Mrs. A. F. Marshall, Mrs. A. M. Ward, Norfolk; Ella Watkins, William DeLamb, Mrs. S. Carney, Mrs. S. N. Russell, Mrs. A. D. Lindsay, Boston; Mrs. Nettie Johnson, Somerville, Mass.

Miss Mabel E. Diggs, Mrs. Martha A. Gregg, Mrs. Hannah E. Demby, Boston; Miss Bessie Leonard, Salisbury, Md.; M. Warley, Sumter, S.C.; Louis Phillips, Brunswick, Ga.; Mrs. R. C. Pierce, Louisiana; Mrs. M. Wall, New Orleans; W. H. Smith, New Orleans; I. E. Curtis, New Orleans; T. J. Arthur, Jessups, Md.; Mrs. Hattie Hawkins, Annapolis, Md.; Charles M. Fassett, Philadelphia.

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NO REDS

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Officials estimated that by Tuesday evening the delegates will number 250; the largest number to attend any convention of the order Monday night's program is also considered to have been the equal of any given by the Samaritans. Mayor Howard W. Jackson, of Baltimore, told his auditors that considering the present financial crisis, "There never was a greater need for Good Samaritans." The mayor welcomed the delegates to the city, and wished them social enjoyment and business success.

Responds to Mayor

W. W. Harper, attorney, S.G. Lodge, 22, Florida, responded to the mayor's address and won demonstrative audience approval when he said that "Good Samaritans are law abiding; there are no Communists in our ranks." The speaker also declared that the Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria were Christian organizations that did not go in for sport, but spent their time in doing all the good they could.

Dr. Yerby Speaks

A most enjoyable part of the program was in the singing of the church choir including a solo by George Hawkins, one of the members. The body was welcomed on behalf of the church by the Rev. Ward Yerby, pastor of Perkins Square, and responded to by the Rev. L. E. Curtis of Louisiana. Fraternal welcome was extended by Willard W. Allen, grand master of Maryland Masons. W. H. Foster, of Newark, replied.

More Speakers

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Visitors from other fraternal orders of the city, who attended Monday night were: Mrs. Elizabeth K. White and Mrs. Lily G. Jones, of the Pythians, and Miss Edna F. Lee of the Great Southern Temple.

Panama Delegate

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DR. BRAZIER IS ELECTED HEAD OF SAMARITANS

Succeeds the Rev. I. H. Perkins of New Orleans.

By one of the largest votes ever polled in the history of the National grand Lodge, Independent Order of Good Samaritans, Dr. A. W. Brazier, leading physician of New Orleans, La., was elected to succeed the Rev. I. H. Perkins, of New Orleans, as national grand sire of the order of the grand lodge meeting, Thursday.

Dr. Brazier, one of the most progressive members of the grand body, has long been distinguished for his activities for the advancement of the order. Early in the week he made a speech which advocated the use of the order's resources for relieving unemployment. His suggestion was later sanctioned by a record vote for a resolution to aid those out of work throughout every jurisdiction of the Samaritans.

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Walter E. Foster, national grand treasurer, Montclair, N.J.; Rev. A. A. Sims, national grand prelate, Union, S.C.

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Knights of Pythias.

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Supreme lodge officials put up at the Parker House. Members of the uniformed rank encamped in North Cambridge. The route of the parade did not include Fremont street, whose business men claimed convention activities had been shunted into out-of-the-way parts of the city.

The welcome address from the city was delivered by Mayor James M. Curley. During the course of his address the mayor urged strong organization. This, he said, would help to break down ostracism, persecution and other forms of racial hatred.

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Argus

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Grand Chancellor Crawford, who resides at New Rochelle, and Grand Worthy Counsellor Bessie R. Johnston have served as heads of their respective bodies a number of years, and during that period have done much progressive and constructive work. Mrs. Johnston resides in Corona.

Dr. McClendon resides in New Rochelle. Dr. Brown resides in Brooklyn, as does Mr. Zeno. Mr. Bundy is a resident of LeRoy, N. Y.

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Dr. C. P. McClendon, who with Grand Vice-Chancellor B. F. Bundy, Grand Master of Exchequer; Rev. W. G. Brown, and Grand Lodge Auditor Robert L. Zeno, were the supreme lodge representatives, was elected supreme medical registrar. This is the first time in many years that a New York physician has held this position.

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With every delegate anxious to get the convention started, promptly at ten o'clock Tuesday, the Supreme Lodge met in Paul Revere Hall of the Mechanics Building with Supreme Chancellor Green, presiding.

Routine duties were disposed of at this session and the awarding of Supreme Degrees. A large class was taken care of in this ceremony.

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At the afternoon session, Wednesday, Supreme Grand Chancellor S. W. Green, read his Bi-ennial report to the organization which was widely commented upon. At the same time, the Supreme Worthy Counsellor of the Courts of Calanthe read his report to the women's auxiliary. It was the first report of Dr. Wickham and was a masterpiece. In it he stressed the loyalty of the Negro to the American government during the crisis in which it is now passing and urged the continuance of this policy.

During this week, over at Camp E. B. Barco in Cambridge, across the river from Boston, the D. O. K. O. were busy with their own particular activities. Inspections and drills filled the programs daily and kept the men in the camp on their toes. Due to the failure of certain Eastern railroads to co-operate with the Western lines, the encampment was not as large as had been anticipated and there was a feeling in the encampment that what had been promised the citizens of Boston could not be fulfilled. But Major General Jackson, faced with trying conditions put over the usual high military establishment he has furnished in the past and thrilled the visitors to the camp with the maneouvers.

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PYTHIANS RE-ELECT GREENE

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 27.—The Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias (of N. S., S. A., E., A., A. and A.) held at Mechanics Building, ended its 26th biennial session and 16th encampment of the Uniform Rank, with a military ball Friday evening. Chicago, with its world's fair attraction, was chosen as the next meeting place.

The convention was welcomed to the state and city with a public reception at Faneuil Hall Monday evening. The welcome address from the state was delivered by Morgan T. Ryan, registrar of motor vehicles. The welcome address from the city was delivered by Mayor James M. Curley.

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The feature attraction of the convention was a Mardi Gras parade on Tuesday evening, led by the First Regiment Band of Chicago, followed by marchers with torchlights, dressed in various picturesque costumes.

The parade, held on Thursday, accompanied by police escort, began at Camp Barco, Cambridge, ending at Pythian Temple, at Columbus avenue and Wellington street. The parade was led by the 372nd Infantry. A delegation of women marchers from New Orleans, with their beautiful costumes, was by far the greatest hit of the parade.

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RECEIVER FOR PYTHIANS

WILLIAM H. CARTER

N.Y. Age

Alabama Court Names Tuskegee Treasurer as Receiver for Pythians

5-23-31

New York, N.Y.

Birmingham, Ala.—The turning over of $200,000 in assets of the Endowment of the Negro Knights of Pythias of Alabama by L. H. Grimes, white, to William H. Carter, treasurer of Tuskegee Institute, marks the end of a four-year legal controversy over the selection of a receiver to manage the affairs of the order.

Mr. Carter, who has qualified by furnishing a $50,000 bond, is said to be the first member of his race to be appointed a receiver in the State of Alabama. He enjoys the respect and confidence of all factions. Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green has expressed himself highly pleased with the naming of the Tuskegeean by Judge William Walker of the 10th Judicial Circuit, in equity.

Included in the order's assets are: Cash and securities, $100,000; the five-story Temple Building, the Fraternal Hotel, Birmingham, and the Pythian farm of 200 acres in Montgomery County.

In 1927 the policyholders of the order brought suit in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County against officers of the Grand Lodge, charging mismanagement and misappropriation of funds of the Endowment Department. Philip Shorter, et al, were plaintiffs and R. A. Blount, I. B. High and Dr. U. G. Mason, defendants.

William H. Carter is generally recognized as an expert in finance. As treasurer of Tuskegee Institute he handles more than $700,000 annually. In 1917, he became fiscal manager of the Negro Masons of Alabama, when the order was $80,000 in debt. Now they have assets valued at $900,000. Mr. Carter has been largely responsible for this rehabilitation.

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COLORED CONVENTION

The white people of Ocala should support the colored Knights of Pythias in their effort to bring the state convention here. Two thousand visiting negroes in the city for a week will spend hundreds of dollars among the local merchants and the white people will benefit more financially from the convention than the colored merchants.

Members of the local committee are asking their white friends to help them raise only about half of the $1500 needed to entertain the visiting delegates whose necessary expenses alone are expected to aggregate over $15,000, in addition to what they will spend about town.

A convention of white people that brought as many as 2000 people to the city for even three days would be viewed as quite an achievement and those promoting the K. of P. gathering deserve credit for undertaking such a large task.

The fraternal membership of the colored people represents the best and most reliable members of the race, here as elsewhere, who should be encouraged by whatever aid or moral support the white people can give them.

The colored visitors will be quiet and orderly in their camp at the fair grounds, confining their activities to their own section of town, except for the parade and other demonstrations the city authorities will permit them to stage in the business district.

Those financing the convention may not find it necessary to solicit the white people for any cash donations at all, provided the merchants and those who will benefit most will take advertising space on the official program. They are trying to raise as much as possible among themselves by lodge assessments and public contributions before calling on their white friends. And when they do call, it is only fair that they be given a cordial reception and whatever aid the white people feel they are warranted or can afford to give.

K. P. IN BOSTON MEET

The Guardian

BIG FRATERNAL ORDER HOLDS FORTH A WEEK IN BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE — MANY SESSIONS, MANY FESTIVITIES, TWO WELL-CONDUCTED PARADES — INDIANAPOLIS WINS DRILL

8-22-31

The 26th Biennial Convention of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias of No. America, So. America, Europe, Asia and Australia, was opened by two public religious exercises in Boston, Mass., on Sunday. These exercises, both before large congregations, began with the biennial sermon to all departments of the Order at the large Union Congregational Church (white), corner West Newton St. and Columbus Ave., at 2 o'clock, with sermon by Rt. Rev. R. E. Jones, one of the two colored bishops of the M. E. Church, and was followed by the memorial services of the Supreme Court of the Order of Calanthe at 8 o'clock in Ebenezer Baptist Church, with sermon by Rev. E. Willie Perry, president of the Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Convention.

The biennial sermon, with Prof. John F. Ransom in charge of the music began with an organ voluntary by Prof. F. P. White, then hymn by the congregation, Invocation by Rec. D. S. Klugh, D.D., People's Baptist Church, music, Scripture reading by Rev. O. B. Quick, Fourth M. E. Church, music, Presentation of Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green by Dr. J. W. Hill, the Master of Ceremonies, remarks by the Supreme Chancellor, S W. Green, presentation of Rt. Rev. Bishop R. E. Jones of New Orleans by the Supreme Chancellor, then the sermon by Rt. Rev. Bishop R. E. Jones.

After offertory and music by the Charles St. A. M. E. choir, came presentation of Officials of the Order, then the 'Hallelujah Chorus" by Ensemble Choir, then announcements, and the Benediction by Rev. Klugh.

Memorial Exercises

The Memorial Service of the Calanthe at Ebenezer Baptist Church began with organ processional, followed by music by the Pythian and Calanthean Chorus, Invocation by Rev. J. N. Nabritt, Grand Trustee, Grand Court of Georgia, congregational singing, music by the Pythian and Calanthean Chorus, reading of Statistics of Departed Members by Mrs. Georgia A. Washburn, Chairlady of Committee on Necrology, reading "They Are Waiting Over There," Mrs. C. S. A. Manning, trumpet solo by Seaton W. Manning, and memorial sermon by Rev. E. Willie Perry.

Then came music by the Pythian and Calanthean Chorus, announcements, Benediction by Rev. William S. Ravenell, Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church and organ recessional.

Dr. Charles B. Wickham, Supreme Worthy Counsellor, was the able Master of Ceremonies. He spoke extensively of the Order and of its deceased members.

Opening of Encampment

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the 16th Biennial Encampment of the Uniform Rank, K. of P., was publicly opened at Camp E. B. Barco, on Garden and Sherman Streets, Cambridge, under Major General R. R. Jackson of Chicago. The large camp was finally laid out, with its rows of tents, for the officers and for the men, the officers quarters being finely furnished, the Commander having telephone connection and there being a telegraph station on the field. A large crowd enjoyed the occasion, especially the music at sunset, after which the field was again as bright as day, through the splendid electrification by our well-known South End Electric Company, L. G. Lomax, proprietor.

Monday

Monday was a busy day at the Committee, Welcome and Registration Headquarters, 555 Columbus Ave., Dr. W. O. Taylor, chairman; Mrs. Nannie Walther, secretary; Mrs. Nona Whitehead, housing chairman. Delegates were arriving and being provided for every hour.

Welcome Exercises—Mayor Curley

Lauding the loyalty and devotion of their race to the country, Mayor Curley, addressing members of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in Faneuil Hall, stressed upon the large gathering the necessity for greater and closer organization.

Declaring that the colored race had never yet produced a traitor to his country, Mayor Curley told the lodge assembled in Boston for its biennial convention, that no one had a greater right to assemble in Faneuil Hall, "Cradle of Liberty,' than members of their race.

Registrar of Motor Vehicles Morgan T. Ryan, representing Governor Ely, extended the greetings of the Commonwealth to the organization. He lauded the loyalty of the colored race and recalled that the first and only statue paid for by the State was that of Crispus Attucks, colored patriot, first to die for the cause of liberty in State Street.

Supreme Chancellor Smith W. Green of New Orleans, La., praised Mayor Curley for the assistance he had rendered in making possible the holding of the convention in Boston; Professor John R. Jefferson of the Pythian Temple Commission responded to the addresses of welcome by Mayor Curley.

The Program in Full

Piano solo, "Song of Dreams," by W. M. Rhodes (his prize composition), music, selection; invocation, Rev. O. B. Quick, Grand Prelate; presentation of General Chairman, Dr. Walter O. Taylor, Grand Chancellor, by Mrs. Nannie E. Walther, Sec. Entertainment Committee; introduction of Master of Ceremonies, Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green by Dr. Walter O. Taylor; welcomt address by His Excellency, the Governor of Mass., Joseph B. Ely; welcome address by His Honor the Mayor of Boston, James M. Curley; solo by Arthur W. Smith of Boston; response on behalf of Supreme Lodge, Prof. J. R. Jefferson, Pythian Temple Commission; welcome address on behalf of the Grand Lodge, James G. Wolff, Asst. Corporation Counsel, City of Boston; welcome on behalf of Grand Court, Miss Margaret Garrett, Register of Deeds of Mass.; welcome address, Uniform Rank, J. S. R. Bourne, Judge Advocate; response, Mrs. F. A. Ponder, Supreme Representative of Florida; solo by guest artist, Mrs. Powers of Cincinnati, contralto; Benediction by Rev. D. S. Klugh.

Eloquent Speeches

Besides the speech of Mayor Curley, the speeches of Prof. Jefferson of West Virginia, and of Mrs. Ponder of Florida were especially eloquent and were greatly applauded. Mrs. Ponder was given a veritable ovation for her simple and well-worded response.

Tuesday

Tuesday morning the three conventions Supreme Lodge under S. W. Green, of New Orleans, Supreme Chancellor. Supreme Court, under Dr. C. B. Wickham of Oklahoma Supreme Worthy Councillor and Dramatic Order of Knights of Omar, J. L. W. Washington, of Louisville, Ky., Imperial Potentate began sessions in spacious Mechanics Building, morning and afternoon.

Mardi Gras Parade

On Monday afternoon there had been dress parade and drills at Camp Barco in Cambridge. Tuesday was a busy day in preparation for the Mardi Gras night parade and then the dance. As soon as the sun began to set, a spectacular parade of marchers through streets of the South End preceded the Mardi Gras ball at Paul Revere Hall. The Gen. Jackson Band of Chicago led the line of march. The New York Pythian Brigade Band also was in the line. All who took part were dressed in fancy, grotesque or unusual costumes.

The marchers, both men and women, carried colored lights, illuminating the line. Many carried parasols or huge balloons. Some couples did cake-walks and stunts for the amuse-

ment of the onlookers. The line led from the playground at Camden St. and Columbus Ave. through Dartmouth, Tremont, Northampton Sts., to Massachusetts Ave., Huntington Ave. to Mechanics Building.

Ball

There the revelers entered the ballroom. They were welcomed by a group of national officers of the Knights of Pythias, headed by S. W. Green of New Orleans, chancellor of the Supreme Lodge; Dr. Charles B. Wickham of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. Walter O. Taylor of Boston, supreme officer; J. R. V. Washington, and the members of the local reception committee. The revels of the costumed dancers continued until after midnight.

At Attucks and Shaw Monuments

At the conclusion of the business session a delegation accompanied Dr. Wickham to Boston Common, where he placed a wreath at the Shaw Memorial in front of the State House and then went to the Tremont St. mall to the statue of Crispus Attucks, where another wreath was placed.

Mrs. V. T. Marsh of Tulsa, Okla., placed the wreath on the Attucks monument, and Mrs. Fannie B. Shaw of Anadarko, Ark., laid the wreath at the foot of the Shaw monument.

A Knights of Pythias band from Chicago led the parade of members of the Order and members of the Knights of Omar.

Among the officers of the Knights present at the ceremonies were:

Capt. L. T. Sneed of Cincinnati, captain of the world's champion drill team; Gen. A. J. Lewis of Pittsburgh, assistant adjutant general; Gen. R. R. Jackson of Brooklyn; Gen. H. H. Biggs, commander from Illinois; Gen. William J. Thompkins of Kansas City, Mo. surgeon general and Colonel Earl T. Wilson of Chicago, adjutant of Illinois.

The parade, with band, all the way down Columbus Ave., the Calantheans accompaned by a detachment of the Uniform Ranks, male and female, and across Boston Common, and the eulogies of Attucks and his white comrades and of Col. Shaw and his colored soldiers, by Dr. Wickham, who emphasized that this country's history had been made by colored men and soldiers, was a splendid demonstration. Lieut.-Gov. Youngman extended personal greetings.

Wednesday

Sessions continued in Mechanics Building all day Wednesday. There were baseball games Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in the big Fenway Park between the Philadelphia Colored Giants and the Dorchester and South Boston Clubs. There was a matinee of the play "Cina," Jack Bates, author, by the Boston Players. Cornelius Crosson, producer, Ralf Coleman, stage manager, at the big Lyric Theatre, and a midnight performance of "Cinda," with a frolic. There were prize drills at Camp Barco.

Thursday—Main Parade

All branches were at their sessions Thursday forenoon and the Uniform Rank were up early preparing for the parade which left Camp at 11 o'clock

Brilliant flags and uniforms marked the colored Knights of Pythias parade which passed through Cambridge and Boston.

Delegations from several States and representatives of all subdivisions of the Order were in the line. There were seven divisions, which included floats 150 automobiles five bands and hundreds of marchers in uniform. The escort division was headed by the 372nd Infantry of the National Guard. members of war veteran organizations, [illegible]outs and Girl Scouts.

[illegible] marchers assembled at 11 [illegible] at Garden St. and Huron Ave. [illegible]ge close to the Knights' mili- [illegible]camp which has been estab- [illegible] during the convention week [illegible]passed through Harvard Square and followed Massachusetts Ave. across the Harvard bridge, turning down Beacon St. to Park Sq. From Park Sq. they marched down Columbus Ave. to Massachusetts Ave., where they disbanded.

The parade was review in Park Sq. by State and City officials and at Cambridge City Hall by Mayor Russell. Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green and Supreme Lodge officers reviewed the parade at three points along the route.

The divisions were commanded by the following: First Division, Gen. H. H. Biggs; Second, Gen. J. P. Cumberland; Third, Gen. S. M. Augustine; Fourth, Col. Fred T. McKim; Fifth, Gen A. J. Lewis Sixth, Gen. F. A. Perkins.

Mayor's Day

Although Gov. Ely did not make his The chamionship Palestine Co. B Barco the exhibition drills were run off as scheduled.

The championship Palestine Co.B of Cincinnati, under Capt. S. T. Sneed, put on the first show. Then the Illinois musical team from Chicago, under the command of Capt. H. H. Biggs, went through its paces to the accompaniment of martial music.

At 5 o'clock dress parade was held.

The Military Ball

Knights and their ladies joined in the grand military ball at Mechanics Building, with general dancing and prize drills making for a banner evening.

A grand charity ball Friday night in the South Armory, on Irvington St., under the auspices of the Patrick E. Toy Post Veterans of Foreign Wars Today will see the farewell reception and Guardian picnic in Caledonian Grove, West Roxbury, holding forth all afternoon and evening, marking the end of the 26th biennial session of the encampment.

Indianapolis Wins Prize

At the ball the sword drill prize was won by the S .W. Starks Co. of W. Va., the big Class A prize by the Indianapolis infantry team under Capt Cohen, the prize by Chicago team of 1st Regiment of Illinois for fancy exhibition drill,.

The judges were Gen. Jas. E. Allen of Philadelphia, Gen. Charles Reads of Chicago, Gen. S. M. Augustine of Mass. and Gen. Wilson of Louisville, Kentucky.

Camp Hospital Afield

The Col. Barco Camp of the Colored Knights of Pythias is a small army afield. The officers and divisions correspond to those used in modern armies. Most of the ranking officers of the organizations have served in some capacity in the armed forces of the United States.

The camp is under the command of Maj. Gen. R. R. Jackson of New York, Commander of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias.

Among the camp's interesting features is a field hospital. Gen. William Thompkins, Assistant Health Commissioner of Kansas City, is in charge of the health of the camp. The hospital has several registered trained nurses and other women are taking a course in nursing under the general.

SUPREME LODGE AND SUPREME COURT ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE (IN PART) Left to right, (Standing), Gen. Freeman A. Perkins, Col. A. C. Prescott, Col. James S. White, Asst. Sec., Peter Walther, Col. John S. R. Bourne, Rev. Johnson W. Hill. (Seated), Mrs. Rachel Stone, Mrs. Katherine Manning, Treas.; Dr. W. O. Taylor, Gen. Chairman; Mrs. Nanie Walther, Exec. Sec.; Miss Margaret M. Garrett, Corr. Sec.

Lebanon Foresters.

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Foresters in Their Final Session Here

Bethlehem Star Lodge, L. O. A. S., and Rose Bud Club.

8-22-31

Tenth Anniversary Program Preached by Rev. Matthews at Dunbar Center

As a climax to the three-day session of Lebanon Foresters, which began in Manhattan, the closing exercises were held at the Dunbar Center, 605 Herkimer street, on Sunday afternoon, when the tenth anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Matthews. Over 500 persons attended the program, which was held under the auspices of the Brooklyn branch of this organization, Court Moriah.

According to Daniel Woodruffe, the founder of this movement, who came ten years ago from Panama, the white Foresters of this country refused a group of them the right to establish a colored branch in New York State, despite the fact that they were members of the Panama court, which is a part of the white association.

As a result they banded themselves together and found the Lebanon Foresters, which now comprise a membership of over 1,500, with thirteen branches extending as far as Panama and the West Indies. Delegates to the present conference came from all the branches, three from each.

Elected for the ensuing year were Daniel Woodruffe, supereme chief ranger, for the tenth term; Richard Hall, sub-chief ranger; Herbert T. Desverney, grand secretary; Byron M. Devonish, assistant grand secretary; Milton Porte, Bert Beckles and Maude Scott, trustees; Dr. J. A. Williams, Alfred A. Bell and J. F. Blades, auditors.

Organizations represented on the program were Light of New York Lodge 2831, L. O. A. S.; Loyal Azariah 4, I. U. O. M. F. S.; Unity Lodge 2816, L. O. A. S.; Tuscan Lodge 11, I. U. O. M. F. S.; Star of the North Lodge 2867, L. O. A. S.; Israel Past Masters' Lodge 2, L. O. A. S.; Morning Star Lodge, I. U. O. M. F. S.; Guiding Star 2800, L. O. A. S. A. U. F. S.; Peters Lodge, A. F.; Court Moriah 10; Court Lebanon 2; Court Sheba, G. U. O. of T., 10.

Also Eureka Lodge, L. O. A. S.; Alpha Lodge, I. O. S. M.; Loyal Progress Lodge, I. U. O. M. F. S.; Triangle Lodge, Order of Durids; Ionic Lodge, I. O. M. P. U.; Shamrock Flower Lodge, B. O. A. F. G. F. S.; Mizpah Lodge No. 28, A. O. F. & M.; Grenada Mut. Society; Morning Star Lodge, L. O. A. S.; Brooklyn Lodge, O. F.;

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Masons.

Prince Hall Masons Close Fiftieth Annual Session

5-16-31

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the union of the various Scottish Rite organizations among Prince Hall Masons was celebrated here in connection with the three days annual session of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction, beginning Sunday, May 10. The Session was attended by a large number of thirty-third degree Masons from the outstanding leaders in the Fraternity and leaders in race activities. The principal officers present were: Dr. Sumner A. Furness, 33rd degree, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Sovereign Grand Commander, George W. Crawford, 33rd degree, of Chicago, Ill.; Grand Minister of State, Conwell Banton, 33rd degree, of Wilmington, Delware, Secretary general, and William A. Heathman, 33rd degree, of Providence, R. I., Treasurer General.

At a public meeting on Sunday night at the Mount Zion Congregational Church a memorial service was held for members who died during the past masonic year. The customery eulogy was pronounced by James E. Williams, 33rd degree, of Pittsburg, Pa. A formal program in commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Union followed the memorial services. The Historical and Commemorative address was delivered by Harry E. Davis, 33rd degree, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Business sessions of the Council began Monday morning, May 1st, and continued until Tuesday night. Besides the regualr Committees covering a wide field of activities. Dr. Furniss delivered his Allocution at the Monday afternoon session. After reviewing the progress of the Order, Dr. Furness especially pointed out the fine service performed by the subordinate bodies in relief work during the year, and also alluded to organized effort to deal with the problem of unemployment. In this connection Dr. Furness said.

"The rank and file of our people who have invested so much of time and money in fraternal organizations, have every right to expect a dividend in the form of genuine interest in everything that vitally affects the welfare of the group. No fraternal leadership worthy of the name will fail to see or to accept this responsibility. In such time as we have been passing through during the last eighteen months, a well knit and efficient piece of machinery such as our organization is should be utilized in every practical way to render service. It is a source of just pride that in almost every community where we have subordinate bodies, they have had both the vision and consecration to devote themselves to the relief of suffering and distress. There is utterly no use in taking great pains to get together in one organization a band of like-minded men imbued with common ideals of brotherhood and service, if we are to go no further than to make a fine show and indulge in pretty talk. This Supreme Council means to do more than that itself, and also to inspire its entire membership to follow its example. I therefore call upon every Scottish Rite Mason under our obedience to strive earnestly to relate his masonic activities and interests to the practical solution of the difficult problems confronting our group of people."

The thirty-third degree was conferred upon a large class Monday night, and this was followed by a smoker given by Bezaleel consistory which entertained the gathering, at the Caterers Club, and a tea was given at the parlors of Leland B. French, Funeral Rirectors, for the visitinng ladies.

In accordance with the usual custom the next annual session of the Supreme Council will be held at its Cathedral in Philadelphia, the second Monday in May, 1932.

MORGAN SPEAKS

The chief executive, City Manager Daniel E. Morgan, presented the address of welcome. The greetings were presented at the memorial and commemorative exercises held at Mt. Zion Congregational Church.

Illustrious George W. Crawford, 33rd degree of New Haven, Conn., gave the response. In the closing remarks of his memorial address. Illustrious James R. Williams, 33rd degree of Pittsburgh, Pa., suggested that the Supreme Council could do nothing better than to "Fordize" Negro History. He suggested that the achievements of Negro Heroes should be compiled in cheap books and placed in every school in the country.

DAVIS GIVES HISTORY

Illustrious Harry E. Davis, 33rd degree, civil service commissioner of Cleveland, Ohio, in his historical and commemorative address presented a chronoligical sketch showing the ligitimacy of the F. & A. M. masons of Prince Hall Affilliation of Ohio. Mr. Davis not only showed the correct date of the organization and establishment of African Lodge, No. 1 (usually known as 459) but also African Grand Lodge formed in 1791 with Prince Hall as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and its continuency until its reorganization after Prince Hall's death, as the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. in 1808, with a Russian Jew, Nero Prince as Most Worshipful Grand Master. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. in 1808, with a Russian Jew, Nero Prince as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

LOCAL COMMITTEE

Bezleleer Consistory No. 15 of Cleveland had the honor of entertaining the royal assembly of illustrious princes convening in their fiftieth anniversary in Cleveland. I. J. Brown is the Illustrious Commander; Ill. Charles Gordon is Deputy of Cleveland; Ill Leland D. French heads the general committee as chairman; J. A. Holloway is chairman of entertainment; Ill. A. Rutland, chairman of Housing and Ill. Harry E. Davis. chairman on speakers.

Major J. E. Spingarn Defends Negro Masonry

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Amenia, N. Y.—Major J. E. Spingarn, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and donor of the Spingarn Medal, given each year to an American Negro for meritorious achivement, was the principal speaker at a banquet held in this village by the local lodge (white) of Masons. The banquet was in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge (white) of Masons of New York State, an honor observed during the week by all subordinate odges throughout the State.

Instead, however, of lauding the birth of the supreme body of masonry in New York State, Major Spingarn chose as his theme, "The Legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry." The speaker declared that as he interpreted the history of masonry in America, the contention of Negro masons that Prince Hall Masonry was the only lawful masonry here was just as well sustained, and perhaps, better, than that made by white masons that it was not.

The major preceded this declaration by recounting an outline of the birth of masonry among Negroes. The relation was considered interesting by the assemblage, for it was a subject many of the members had never before heard discussed.

33RD DEGREE MASONS SELECT CLEVELAND

Afro-American

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The Fiftieth Anniversary session of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons(Prince Hall affiliation), Northern Jurisdiction, will be held in Cleveland, May 10, 11 and 12. This is the first session held away from Philadelphia since the completion of their magnificent Cathedral on Fitzwater Street in that city.

While Scottish Rite Masonry is much older than this among the colored people of this country, fifty years ago the two United Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions were formed by the union of the five or six legitimate Supreme Councils then in existence.

The fiftieth anniversary of this union will be celebrated at this session. The anniversary program begins with commemorative and memorial exercises Sunday evening, May 10 at the Mt. Zion Congregational Church, corner East 55th and Central Avenue. The regular sessions of the Supreme Council will be held in the Phyllis Wheatley Auditorium beginning Monday, May 11

New York Mason to Head Mystic Shrine

Amsterdam News

5-27-31

Deputy Harry Knight Succeeds the Late C. R. Blake

New York, N.Y.

As the result of the death of Ceasar R. Blake, imperial potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Charlotte, N. C., last Tuesday, an old New Yorker, Harry Knight, becomes the head of this high and important branch of Free and Accepted Masonry.

Knight, a member of Medina Temple No. 19, of this city, by virtue of his being the deputy imperial potentate now becomes imperial potentate and will reign until the annual session of the Mystic Shrine in Baltimore in August. At present he is located in Philadelphia, where he is in charge of the Scottish Rites Cathedral, the national shrine of the order. The new potentate, whose official title as head of the cathedral is assistant secretary-general of the Holy Temple, is also a thirty-third and last degree Mason.

Blake, who was forty-eight years of age, was one of Charlotte's most prosperous business men. He also owned one of the city's largest filling stations. He had been in ill health for the past three years. After returning to his home from the Grand Lodge session in Florida on April 26, he was forced to take to his bed.

He was elected to his high office in Providence in 1919.

Thomas H. Williams of Jersey City, secretary of the A. O. N. M., represented the Metropolitan branches at the funeral.

SCOTTISH RITES MASONS GIVEN LAST DEGREE

Inaugurate Supreme Council

Indianapolis, Ind

Illustrious Princes Porter, Kennerly Smith And Jones Elevated To 33rd By United Supreme Council.

CLEVELAND, O., May 28— The fiftieth anniversary of the union of

the various Scottish Rite organization among the Prince Hall Masons was celebrated here May 11 with a three day session of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for the Northern Jurisdiction.

At the session Leon Kennerly William E. Jones, Clarence C. Smith and Will H. Porter all of Indianapolis were elevated to the 33rd and last degree of Scottish Rite Masonry by the United Supreme Council.

Memorial services for Illustrious Samuel E. Gray 33rd degree Indianapolis, were held at the Mount Zion Congregational church.

The Mayor of Cleveland was represented at the memorial services by th City Manager, who, in a very timely talk welcomed the United Supreme Council and Masonry to the city of Cleveland.

The elevation Illustrious Princes KeKnnerly, Smith, Jones and Porter gives to the valley of Indianapolis four additional peers. The session was one of the greatest in the history of the order in attendance and finance.

A unique feature of the program was the presentation of a Constantine Consistory ring to her newly elevated husband by Mrs. William E. Jones. Mrs. Jones is an outstanding Eastern Star worker. The ring was awarded by Illustrious Forrest W. Littlejohn, 33rd degree Illustrious Littlejohn was elevated in 1930.

MODERN MOSAIC TEMPLARS EXTEND DISPENSATION; OFFICER ELATED

Birmingham, Ala.

The Modern Mosaic Templars of America, Jurisdiction of Alabama, headed by L. L. Powell as State Grand Master, held its annual celebration throughout the State Sunday, when the records of achievements, and the future possibilities of the Order were again revealed.

"So remarkable," said Mr. Powell, "is the success under the new dispensation, I have continued the campaign for new members, and have extended the dispensation to June 30. Members may join the Order under this dispensation for $1.50."

The Modern Mosaic Templars have a history in America all their own. They came into existence some 50 years ago in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the Mosaic Templars of America. The Order was founded by George Bush, who at that time was serving as a clerk in the Post Office in Little Rock. The Order went for many years under the name of Mosaic Templars of America, accumulated a large amount of money and property, and a membership unequalled by any similar organization among Negroes.

Some 18 months ago the name of the organization was changed from the Mosaic Templars of America to the Modern Mosaic Templars of America, and in the celebration of this new name, and some change in the original program, a campaign is on for new members. According to Grand Master Powell, no effort in the history of the fraternity has shown as much progress as the present program for members in the Order. He sends greetings to the field workers and friends. of the organization.

Do Both Belong To Same Order?

With one exception the Masonic lodges in the United States to which colored people belong are not recognized by the white lodges. The exception is Alpha Lodge No. 116, F. & A. M., at Newark, N. J. In 1871 several Newark negroes, who had been made Masons in regular lodges in foreign countries where the admission of negroes was permitted, joined with a few white Masons and obtained a charter for a lodge from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. This lodge gradually became colored as the white members dropped out and only negroes joined it. In 1908 the Grand Lodge of Mississippi severed Masonic relations with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey "until such time as the Grand Lodge of New Jersey shall see fit to desist from her present practice of initiating and affiliating negroes as Masons." Only the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma followed Mississippi in severing Masonic relations with New Jersey and in 1914 she rescinded her non-intercourse decision, leaving the Bayou state standing alone in this respect. Alpha Lodge 116 is the only colored Masonic lodge in the United States attached to a white Grand Lodge. Since it is a regularly constituted lodge of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, its members are recognized by the other lodges of the state. All other colored lodges in the United States are regarded as irregular by the white lodges. Negro Freemasonry came from the same source as other Freemasonry and the work of the colored Masons is practically the same. The Masonic lodges in Cuba, Haiti and San Domingo were authorized and instituted by the white grand lodges of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania in the early part of the 19th century, and the West Indian lodges in turn authorized the establishment of colored Masonic lodges in the United States.—The Pathfinder.

NAME KNIGHT SHRINE HEAD

Elected

Philadelphian Is Chosen To Succeed Late Caesar R. Blake, Order To Meet In East In 1932

(By R. C. FISHER FOR ANP)

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug.—After a four day program, dealing with matters pertaining to the best interests of this organization and Race, the Ancient Egyptian, Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine closed their thirty-second annual session Thursday afternoon.

A rumor was afloat, before the opening of the first-day's session that . H. Bradbury of St. Louis, chief abban of the Imperial Council of hriners and A. W. Brazier, high riest and prophet of the order were spirants for the office of imperial otentate, and a marked degree of entiment was apparently favorable oward the Noble Brazier of New rleans, La.

Harry Knight member of Medinah hia, read an address last Tuesay morning giving a clear-cut acount of his stewardship as acting perial potentate of the order since e p ing of the late Caesar R. lake, three months ago, it was readly seen by the hundreds of delegates that Knight was a choice to ead the Shriners. An explanation om the candidate from New Orleans . Brazier, favored the election of night by a unanimous vote. Here, e sentiment for Bradbury, officialirectly in line for imperial execuve, waned. Bradbury was eliminated om the race on a compromise that e accept the honor of past imperial otentate without having to compete an election for the office.

Knight Chosen To Lead

Harry Knight, member of Medina emple, New York, City, was elected perial potentate by acclamation. contest involved the office for imerial deputy potentate and William Heathman, lawyer of Providence, . I., and A. W. Brazier battled for e position. When the votes were unted, Brazier of New Orleans was clared elected with a majority of ghty votes over his opponent, The w head promised to accept a salary $1500 instead of the usual $2500.

Other officials elected to serve in he divan of the Imperial Council of riners are. J. R. Wiliams, Pittsrgh, Pa., chief rabban; John H. urphy, Jr., Baltimore, Md. assistt rabban; Stewart C. Jefferson hicago, high priest and prophet; aac M. Carper, Charleston, W. Va., iental guide; S. S. Richardson, ytona Beach, Fla., first ceremonil master, Raymond King, second remonial master, Evansville, Ind., rank Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio, capin of guard; R. Brown, Atlantic y, N. J., outer guard; Chas. D. reeman, Washington, D. C., treasrer, Thos. J. Williams, Jersey City, J. recorder.

The 1932 session of the Shrine conave will be held at Philadelphia, here all branches of the Masonic amily will assemble for their annual essions.

Hold Memorial Service

The annual session opened at Big Bethel A. M. E. Church, Druid Hill venue and Lanvale street, last Monay morning.

The session a memorial, was in emory of Caesar R. Blake, Jr., Inerial Potentate of the order from 919 to 1931 until his death at harlotte, N. C,. last May.

Bishop W. Sampson Brooks head f the A. M. E. Church, Texas diocese elivered the memorial oration.

The venerable bishop who is a ember of Medinah Temple of Shriers in St. Louis, vividly described he funeral of the late imperial Poentate, whose widow Mrs. Sallie May lake was present.

A most colorful parade, said to ave overshadowed all previous ones topped business in the down town ection while 500 nobles garbed n their oriental colors pranced to the nes of a number of brass bands. n elaborately decorated limousine, that attracted much attention and applause was from St. Louis, in which presentatives, with Imperial Chief Rabban I. H. Bradbury occupied eats.

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Masons.

WOODS HOLDS CONFIDENCE OF MASONIC FRATERNITY IN ALABAMA---MUCH ACCOMPLISHED

Reporter

7-25-31

Birmingham Ala

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PAID TO BENEFICIARIES SINCE LAST JULY—SEVENTEEN THOUSAND MEMBERS NOW SHOWN ON FINANCIAL ROLL

The fifty-third annual session of the Masonic fraternity of Alabama, headed by Walter Thomas Woods of Birmingham, opened in Gadsden Tuesday morning, July 21, with more than fifteen hundred delegates and members of the order attending. Delegates were from every section of Alabama, and they represented the best citizenry of the state.

Tuesday's session was taken up in the appointment of committees, and the addresses or reports of the various Grand Lodge officers.

In his opening remarks Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods called special attention to the necessity of the Grand Lodge adding its immediately to the business of the hour. Among other things he said:

"We are here for business, to report to you our stewardship, and plan for the future. The times will not permit of any lost motion or over-expressing ourselves on the issues before us, and certainly, we will not be privileged to waste our energy and time on non-essential matters. I am in sympathy with every delegate here, and the lodges they represent. We must make the cost of holding this Grand Lodge as reasonable as possible, so that when the Grand Master calls upon any one to address themselves to the Order of the day, you will understand that we are trying to dispense business, and get out of Gadsden at an early hour."

Maybe a hundred or more committeemen were appointed covering various activities of the Masonic fraternity in Alabama among colored people, and their reports were made early Wednesday evening.

The Grand Master's Message

At noon Tuesday Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods began his annual message to the craftsmen and visiting Masons who packed the main auditorium of the Friendship Baptist Church of Gadsden, Alabama. His report covered a wide range of expressions on the operation of the Order in Alabama, its worth to the Negro race, its importance to human society, its growth, and its future possibilities in the great State of Alabama. He reaffirmed his faith in the Masters of lodges, the craftsmen generally, and complimented the faithful members of his official staff. It was a message full of hope, optimism, and encouragement. The Grand Master did not mince words in his exposure of the ill-practices apparent in certain fields today, and discouraged in most outspoken language the liquor traffic, bootlegging, re-affirming his already well known position favoring the prohibition laws.

He told the thousand or more delegates and Past Masters who assembled in the Friendship Baptist Church to educate their children, to teach them thrift and economy, and not to overlook in any sense their training for citizenship and manhood.

The public program was rendered Tuesday night, when City Commissioner L. L. Herzberg delivered the welcome on behalf of the citizens of Gadsden. The response was made by Dr. E. T. Belsaw of Mobile, Alabama.

In his message, Grand Master Woods made substantially the following statements:

"I wish for you to know, if it is not already known, that the Masonic fraternity in Alabama is the largest, the strongest, and the most ancient of any operated in the state. It is the biggest, the most outstanding Masonic Grand Jurisdiction in the world today. Our organization is nearing the million dollar mark in cash and liquid assets. It has grown beyond the expectation of your Grand Master, and to the surprising satisfaction of the most optimistic among us. We have more than 17,000 financial members in Alabama. The affairs of the organization are under perfect control, we have not a debt that cannot be settled immediately, and leave us several hundred thousand dollars in cash and other liquid assets.

"I am pleased to state to you that under these very strenuous financial conditions we are still creating new lodges, and adding new members. Our organization is a charitable and fraternal institution. Its business operations are beyond question, and place the Negro race in fine position as a race capable of controlling and managing its own affairs.

"This Order is great because the entire operation is carried on by Negro men. Its accumulations were acquired through the sacrifices of the humble members of this race under the guiding hand of the leading forces of our fraternity."

The Grand Master made several very important recommendations, and nearly every one of them were adopted. He recommended a substantial cut in salary allowances, and a large cut was made.

Other reports of the Grand Lodge officers which attracted favorable attention were those of the Grand Secretary, P. D. Davis; Grand Treasurer A. H. Williams, Endowment Secretary C. W. Peters, Endowment Treasurer R. B. Hudson, Grand Medical Registrar L. U. Goin, auditors of the Grand Lodge Department, and special auditor of the Endowment Department, William H. Carter.

In his report William H. Carter, treasurer of Tuskegee Institute, and auditor of the Endowment Department of the Masons of Alabama, stated that the organization had $79,276.75 in United States, Railroad, Public Utility and Industrial bonds, that of this amount $74,190.50 was in United States Liberty Bonds, that the Order had cash in the banks amounting to $89,072.85, and that its cash, bonds and real estate give the Order a net asset of $913,230.90. During the fraternal year it was reported that $147,646.76 had been paid to beneficiaries of deceased members.

Late Tuesday evening Grand Master Woods and his entire staff were re-elected by acclamation.

The Grand Lodge just closed in Gadsden was a great meeting in many respects. Seated on the rostrum when the Grand Lodge was called to order Tuesday morning were such characters as H. Councill Trenholm, president of State Teachers College, Montgomery, Alabama; Dr. E. T. Belsaw, secretary of the State Inter-racial Commission; Dr. J. A. Bray, secretary of the Educational Department of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church; Oscar W. Adams, editor and publisher of The Birmingham Reporter and Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Alabama; Samuel H. Crowder, Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Alabama; Dr. U. J. Robinson of Mobile, and many other distinguished characters.

Late Wednesday evening Samuel H. Crowder, Oscar W. Adams and J. A. Bray were introduced to the Grand Lodge by Grand Master Woods, and they made interesting addresses. It was Samuel H. Crowder who made a strong plea for cooperation on the part of the leaders, and complimented the Grand Master and Oscar W. Adams for the work they are doing as heads of the Masonic Order and the Pythian fraternity respectively.

Oscar W. Adams complimented the Grand Lodge of Masons, its leadership, and expressed greetings from the Pythian Order. Dr. Bray called attention to the work being done to build for the Negro race a first class college in the State of Alabama at Vinesville in Jefferson County.

The Grand Lodge adjourned late Wednesday evening, July 22, to meet in Montgomery, Alabama, the third Tuesday in July, 1932.

NOBLES OPEN 32ND ANNUAL SESSION HERE

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8-15-31

Governor and Mayor Join in City's Welcome to Guests

PRELATE SPEAKS

Bishop Brooks Gives Eulogy for Dead

BULLETIN

Noble Harry Knight, of Philadelphia, was elected Imperial Potentate Wednesday morning at the annual session of the Nobles of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, meeting here.

Parade Colorful

Marching under a dull, gray and threatening sky, the Shriners presented one of the most colorful parades in the history of the organization.

The D.C. aggregation led by a Washington band and a noble on a donkey, attracted much attention. The members of this unit wore yellow blouses, red tunics and carried spears.

West Virginians wore green jackets braided with yellow, red pants and yellow socks.

The New Haven outfit wore green boleros, yellow blouses, purple pants, green hose, and white shoes.

Philadelphians came along with green pants, yellow boleros, purple blouses, white hose with black stripes and white shoes.

Besides the marching units Baltimore and Washington had two large floats. The Baltimore float had a color scheme of yellow and purple carrying Daughters of Isis wearing white. The Washington float was trimmed with yellow and white. More than 50 cars carried officials. The parade marched through principal streets to the City Hall Plaza, where it disbanded.

Nobles of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystictic Shrine and the Imperial Grand Court, Daughters of Isis opened their thirty-second annual session at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, Monday night.

The session, a memorial, was in memory of Caesar R. Blake, Jr., Imperial Potentate from 1919 to 1931.

Before an assembly of delegates, members of local lodges and town guests that filled the lower floor and the galleries of the church, Noble E. W. Frazier introduced Bishop W. Sampson Brooks, head of the A.M.E. Church, Texas diocese, as the eulogist. Applause punctuated the speaker's statement that the bishop was a superior money collector. He recited $90,000 raised for Bethel Church when the bishop was pastor, $14,000 for another church in St. Louis and $100,000 for Paul Quinn College in Texas. Incidentally, he said that Bishop Brooks had ben donated a home in appreciation by Texans.

Lauds Baltimore

Prefacing his eulogy, the eminent prelate congratulated Baltimore on the entertainment of his associated lodge members, mentioned illustrious Marylanders, dwelling at length on the accomplishment of the late John H. Murphy, Sr., founder of the AFRO-AMERICAN, praising the newspaper for its course.

Choir Praised

Supplementing the acknowledged excellence of the program was the singing of the Madison Street Church choir. The four superior singers garnered unstinted praise for their musical contributions.

Imperial Potentate

Noble Harry Knight, Deputy Imperial Potentate, was introduced by Noble John H. Murphy, Jr., Deputy of Maryland, and chairman of the

entertainment committee. Noble Knight briefly requested prompt attendance at Tuesday's meeting.

J. Finley Wilson

A particularly effective reference to the personal and fraternal friendship of Noble J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and the late Imperial Potentate was made by Mr. Wilson. The speaker told his auditors that they had effected an enduring friendship between Masons and Elks.

Prominent Persons

Aside from the ranking members of the Imperial Council and the Grand Court were: Bishop Davis, of the A.M.E. Church; Willard W. Allen, Grand Master of Masons, State of Maryland; the Rev. Ernest Lyon, and many others prominent in clerical and fraternal circles. Bishop Brooks motored from Texas, arriving in Baltimore at twelve c'clock Sunday night.

Pending Legislation

Among the legislation that will occupy the Imperial Council during der's burial fund should be continued or dissolved. Those approached say that the general sentiment is to change the present law, the question of how it shall be done being uppermost, they assert.

It is further learned that the Imperial Potentate favors change and will mention it in his address. Greater economy in the body is also said to be one of the questions that will come up for consideration. Curtailment of any expense that isn't vital to the Imperial Council is expected to have many champions.

Candidates

A persistent rumor circulated is that Noble William A. Heathman, Grand Master of Rhode Island, and I. H. Bradberry, who has held the office of Imperial Chief Rabban for the past five years, are candidates for the Imperial Potentate's office.

That Noble Harry Knight, the Deputy Imperial Potentate for the last eleven years, will be elected Imperial Potentate because of his comprehensive knowledge of the workings of the Imperial Council is predicted. Tuesday the formal opening of the two grand bodies took place immediately after the public session.

Brisk registration by Alexander Court, No. 1, Daughters of Isis, housing committee was reported continuing until a late hour Monday. Members of the committee who made reservations and acted as a general information bureau at the Masonic Temple, McCulloh and Mosher Street, are:

Daughters Ozella Dorsey, chairman; Sadie Soden, recording secretary; Katie Sorrell, Medora Buckingham, Ella O. Simmons, Bessie Scott. Following is a list of registrants.

Mrs. Flavia M. Alsberry, Cleveland, O.; Annie B. Chisholm, Charlotte, N.C. Frank Branch, Cincinnati; W. H. Bland, Providence, R.I.; Dr. Conwall Banton, Wilmington, Del.; R. B. Benentt, New York; W. A. Randolph, New York; Charles Bradford, New York; John R. Brooks, Providence; Robert Berry, Pittsburgh; T. C. Brown, St. Louis; S. J. Brown, St. Louis, S. Cox, Pittsburgh; A. A. Clark, Pittsburgh.

Others Sign

Pearl Crampton, Chicago; Joseph H. Cornish, Washington; W. P Carr, New York; W. B. Carter, New York; M. Newell, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. T. Edwards, Jamaica, New York; R. Fisher, St. Louis; Charles L. Freeman, Washington; William Grigsby, Newark; James Godfrey, Pittsburgh; C. J. Green, Marion, Indiana;

William Heathman, Providence; Mr. and Mrs. Langston Harris, St. Louis; J. W. Highgate, Pittsburgh; S. C. Hall, Stamford, Conn.; William H. Hackman, New Haven, Conn.; J. Thomas Jackson, Providence, R.I.; J. E. LeCount, Providence;

J. F. Lopez, Providence; E. J. Jordan, Florida; I. R. Johns, Cleveland; Jefferson Stewart, Chicago; William H. Jenkins, Buffalo, N.Y.; J. H. Wilkerson, Newark; Lane Rudolph, Buffalo; J. Henry Meekins, West Newton, Mass.; Bert McCoy, Washington; Mamie McCoy, Washington; S. S. Richardson, Florida; Jessie L. Ross, Cleveland; D. Richards, Pittsburgh;

Clarence R. Smith, Providence, R.I.; John Smith, Florida; S. T. Sneed, Cincinnati; Dorsey Suggs, Newport, R.I.; Elwood Smith, Buffalo; H. Thomas, Florida; John H. Thomas, Pittsburgh; H. H. Taylor, New York; G. R. Walker, St. Louis; John T. Woods, Boston; J. R. Williams, Pittsburgh; S. B. White, Pittsburgh; J. F. Wright, Rickson, Va.

Public Session

With Imperial Potentate Harry Knight as master of ceremonies, the Shriners and the associated Daughters of Isis held a public session at Metropolitan M.E. Church, Lanvale Street and Carrollton Avenue Tuesday morning. Very few seats were available after the opening at ten o'clock.

Governor Speaks

Paramount was the spech of Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, who told the assembly that no American organization measures up better than the Shriners. The executive welcomed them to the city and the state, expressing the hope that they would enjoy themselves and closed with saying that he was glad to have them stay.

The governor's speech was frequently interrupted by applause, and at its finish hand claps of approbation continued for more than a minute. The band fittingly played "Maryland, My Maryland," as a tribute at the close.

Dr. Banton Scores

Dr. Conwell Banton, grand master of Masons of Delaware and jurisdiction, captured and held the attention of his hearers with the following telling points delivered in reply to the governor. Addressing Governor Ritchie, he said, "We love America, not as she is, but as we want her to be."

Approbation was spontaneously given when the speaker asserted that, "the trouble with America is the ignorance, each of the other, of both races. What the Negro wants to know is what the white man expects of him."

When referring t othe oft-repeated statement that colored men desire white wives, Dr. Banton said: "There are several complexions in this audience that didn't come out of Africa." This sally brought repeated applause.

Other Speakers

Other speakers assured the governor that the Shriners would not abuse the state's hospitality tnough their body was often referred to as "The Playhouse of Masonry." Proud reference was also made to the 10,000 members in high standing in their respective states.

Included among the speakers were: Dr. Francis M. Woodd, director of Baltimore public schools; Samuel R. Morsell, secretary of the Druid Hill Avenue Branch, Y.M.C.A.; Mayor Howard W. Jackson of Baltimore, and the Rev. Charles Y. Trigg, pastor of Metropolitan Church.

Also replying to the welcome extended by the city and state were: Noble John W. Dobbs, of Atlanta, Georgia; James R. Williams and the commander of the Daughters of Isis.

Business sessions were held by the two grand bodies following the public meeting.

Tuesday night the Daughters of Isis held a ball.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS BEGIN WEEK'S MEET

Afro-American

5/26/34

WASHINGTON.—The 15th triennial and 45th annual session of the united supreme council, 33rd degree of Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry of the Southern jurisdiction, with Willard Allen, of Baltimore, sovereign grand commander was inducted in with a religious service, Sunday, at the Masonic temple, and exercises will be held throughout the week.

The service followed a procession from the Scottish Rite hall at 11th and R Streets. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Stewart, of Baltimore. Deputy William M. Edwards made the address of welcome, while Grand Master Frank D. McKinney represented the district Masonic craft. Mr. Allen responded. Musical numbers for the occasion were furnished by the Mt. Zion M.E. Choir, under the direction of James T. Beason.

The business session of the craft began Monday at 10 a.m. The honorary 33rd degree was conferred on those who had met official approval, Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. Officers of the Jonathan Davis consistory conducted a memorial service on Monday night, led by Adam M. Taylor, commander in chief.

The supreme council was entertained at a banquet, Tuesday night, in the auditorium of the new temple at 10th and U Streets.

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Odd Fellows

THREE INSTEAD OF ONE

Informer

"Whom the Lord would destroy he first makes mad." This is what the preacher said. At any rate we have read with much interest the bitter and chagrinned editorial of the Houston Defender about the refusal of the District Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows to seat a certain Houston brother. The Defender says he was denied his seat by a "frame up." What it really was, was three frame ups instead of one. 8-29-31

The first was the fact that the Houston brother did not have the proper financial standing with the Endowment Department to make him eligible to be a delegate. Houston, Texas

The second was that the brother was never elected as required by law and did not have the proper kind of credentials to make him a duly accredited delegate.

The third was that vote of 90 to 4 by which the District Grand Lodge decided that the brother was not regular and therefore could not be seated. This is evidently the "frame up" that the Defender is talking about, since it was the one which really did the "dirty work" which has filled the brother's heart with so much righteous indignation, and has kept him from being a good loser.

As to whether there were any threats of court action to force the District Grand Lodge to seat a delegate whom it had found to be ineligible, we quote from the Houston Defender of August 8, 1931, which, in a front page article dated at Beaumont, Texas, August 5, 1931, which was prior to the vote on seating this good brother, says: "There is talk of legal action to force the grand lodge to recognize the credentials of" certain persons.

Who was doing this "talk of legal action?" Certainly not the people who were opposed to seating the brother who was found to be ineligible. Then if the four people out of ninety-four who wanted him seated were talking of court action even before the vote was taken, any effective steps to stop legal action to force ineligible delegates upon the district grand lodge and impede the progress of the order should have been expected by those resorting to "talk of legal action" to force their way in.

Finally, if a man who represents a minority of four out of ninety-four in a deliberative meeting wants to get mad and rant and rave because the majority of ninety refuse to let him get away with his attempts to "stampede" the district grand lodge, as he said beforehand that he would, and if he further can't be good sport enough to take his medicine when that majority of ninety refuse to seat an irregular delegate, then, so far as The Informer and Freeman is concerned, and we suppose so far as the district grand lodge is concerned. he can just "SING 'EM."

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ST. LUKE ORDER OF MRS. WALKER PLAN 64TH MEET

Not Involved In Merger Of Order By Same Name Last Week

By Wire to Journal and Guide

RICHMOND, Va.—The 64th annual convention of the Right Worthy Grand Council of the Independent Order of St. Luke will convene in Richmond, August 17 to 20, it was announced here today.

Misunderstanding as to the status of the Right Worthy Council Independent Order of St. Luke of which Mrs. Maggie L. Walker is secretary-treasurer, arose last week when the merger of another organization of similar name with the National Ideal Benefit Society was made public.

However the organization with headquarters at 900-2-4 St. James Street, Richmond, is not connected with this combination. It is making preparations for its biennial convention at the historic Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church of which the famous Rev. John Jasper was pastor. Rev. A. W. Brown is present pastor.

Fifteen hundred adult subordinate councils and 700 juvenile circles comprise the Right Worthy Council Independent Order of St. Luke with a membership of 100,000.

Full reports of its interesting program now in progress will be given by officers of the order at the meeting in August. Mrs. Walker will submit a detailed report of the financial and numerical transactions of the organization for the biennium term.

According to Mrs. Walker, 20,163 death claims have been paid by the organization amounting to $2,068,347.50. The amount of insurance in force to date is $5,921,000.

The education loan fund of the order which has been in the making for the past few years will reach its goal of $10.000 at this convention, officials stated. It will begin functioning with the beginning of the school term in the fall.

The coming convention is the 64th annual and the seventh biennial meeting of the order. Its management has extended to its members and friends an invitation to be present.

NATIONAL IDEAL SAVES SPLIT ST. LUKES

RICHMOND, Va.—The National Ideal Benefit Society, headed by A. W. Holmes, has taken over a branch of the St. Lukes which split from the parent body, R.W.G. Council, I.O. of St Lukes some time ago, and established headquarters in Baltimore.

Mrs. Maggie Walker, St Luke secretary, wired the AFRO-AMERICAN that this is not the parent body and that the small organization went into the Ideal for the benefit of its policyholders.

Close Convention

The National Ideal Benefit has just closed its nineteenth annual session here, where it has a four-story office building at 210 E. Clay street, and has a national membership of 40,000.

The organization is the brain child of the Supreme Master, A. W. Holmes, and its reports show that it has paid out in sick and death claims $250,000. At present it operates in four states, but according to the Supreme Master, it is planning to expand to all sections of the country.

ORDER ST. LUKE CONVENING IN RICHMOND

Special to Journal and Guide

RICHMOND Va.—The sixty-fourth annual and vesenth biennial convention of the Right Worthy Grand Council Independent Order of Saint Luke opened here Monday in the historic Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church, Saint John and Duval Streets. Delegates from nearly every section of the country were in attendance.

Monday's session was given over to the juvenile department of the order, which was represented by the matrons of the various circles scattered throughout the country.

The convention was called to order by R. W. G. Patron John S. Savage. Opening prayer was by Dr. W. T. Johnson. The chair was then turned over to R. W. G. Chief Joshua Munroe, who after brief and interesting remarks, called for the roll of officers.

Addresses of welcome were delivered on behalf of the juveniles by Miss Grace Matthews, on behalf of the matrons by Miss Evelyn Southall, of Saint Luke office force; and on behalf of the women of Richmond by Mrs. Kate G. Colson.

Response to welcome addresses were made by state representatives: Georgia, by Mrs. McBride; Connecticut, Mrs. Parks; New Jersey, Mrs. Louise Anderson, Atlantic City; New York, Mrs. Rosa L. Hawkins, New York City; Pennsylvania, Mrs. Mary L. Henry, Philadelphia; Maryland, Mrs. Marie Moseley, Baltimore; District of Columbia, Rev. Eugene Granderson, Washington; West Virginia, Mrs. Amanda Washington, Berman; North Carolina, Mrs. Zellie Pittman; Illinois, Mrs. Sarah E. Colliner, Evanston; Florida, Mrs. Ada M. Lee, Jacksonville; Virginia, Mrs. Annie Payne, Richmond.

Other addresses were delivered by Miss Maria E. Burke, juvenile directress, in which she traced the history and outlined the activities of the juvenile department from July 31, 1929 to July 31, 1931, by the R. W. G. Matron, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker.

After the address by the R. W. G. Matron, various other routine matters were gone through with and the body adjourned at 2 p.m. Headquarters are at 900 Saint James Street.

A parade of the juvenile department at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Monday was a feature. The line of march was from headquarters of the order, at St. James and Baker streets, to the campus of Virginia Union University.

The first session of the adult department was opened Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with an address of welcome by W. H. Schwarzschild, president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. Other speakers were Dr Gordon B. Hancock, Virginia Union University; the Rev. C. C. Scott, pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist Church; and George E. C. Hayes, Washington attorney, who responded to the address of welcome.

The chief speaker on Tuesday afternoon was Joshua Monroe of New Haven, Conn., R. W. G. Chief, who was followed by Mrs. Walker. A dramatization of reminiscences of the order was presented at Sixth Mount Zion Church at 8 o'clock on Wednesnight. Officers will be installed the victory banner awarded on day.

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School Fraternities.

Kappa's 20th Session Chooses A. Shearin

Defender 1/9/31

(Photo on Picture Page)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—The 20th annual grand chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was held Dec. 27 to 31 and revealed considerable progress since the founding of the organization in 1901. A total of 56 chapters scattered throughout the country was reported with over 3,000 members.

Two of the outstanding contributions of the fraternity to our college life are made through the Housing foundation and the scholarship commission. Approximately $5,000 has been collected for financing and assisting in the founding of fraternity houses in strategic places, and almost $1,000 has been loaned in smaller amounts to assist local chapters in housing problems.

Ten men were assisted through scholarship loans during the past year, and a drive was inaugurated at this convention for the raising of a fund of $5,000 for permanent investment, the proceeds to be used for scholarship loans annually. H. A. Tynes of New York is chairman of this commission and presented the plan.

Chicago Def.

A comprehensive survey of methods of administering college fraternities among 90 of the larger fraternities was made and studied during the past two years, and the 20th convention authorized the hiring of a full-time executive secretary to conduct the business of the fraternity. This is the first Race Greek letter organization to adopt such a plan and the experiment will be keenly watched by the others.

Over 8,000 high school students in cities all over the country were interviewed and had been reached through the guide-right vocational guidance advice meetings and clinics held during the year.

The first event on the program was the meeting of the grand board of directors Saturday, followed by an interfraternal prom that night. A basketball game was also played in the afternoon between the Lincoln university Kappas and the Omega Philadelphia group.

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Norfolk, Va.

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KAPPA PREXY

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Indianapolis Paper

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KAPPA SIGMA GROUP TO GATHER TONIGHT

The annual anniversary of founding of the Kappa Sigma fraternity will be observed by Atlanta members with a banquet at 7 o'clock tonight in the ballroom of the Atlanta Athletic Club.

Horace [illegible], W. D. Fears, J. A. Conley and Earl Sutton, of Clarkston, for many years a prominent member of the fraternity, will be among the speakers. Reservations may be made with Leonard Neal, Walnut 0369. About 150 members are expected at the banquet.

Following the social session will be a business meeting, at which officers for the year are to be elected.

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R. W. CANNON.
DIRECTOR.

Raymond W. Cannon is director of educational activities of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity which is sponsoring its annual Go-to-High-School Go-to-College Campaign during the week of May 3-9, inclusive. Mr. Cannon, whose home is in Minneapolis, Minn., is a practising attorney and a graduate of the University of Minnesota, St. Thomas College and the Minnesota College of Law. He is a former national president of the organization.

ing the students of the various high schools, both private and public in Atlanta kith a view to directing their efforts along the lines most useful to themselves, to society, and particularly to our own group.

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is making a particular effort to link up its work with the present economic crisis through which the Negro is forced to go in common with all other men. It is laying particular emphasis on vocational guidance in order that a decreasing number of those who enjoy school advantages may find themselves in need of definite work, and in order that all education may become more practical in its application to racial progress.

The program in Atlanta has been largely in charge of such men from the graduate chapter as H. S. Murphy, State Chairman; C. Waymond Reeves, M. D., Chairman Program Committee; C. W. Washington, Chairman of Publicity. Other graduates are Myron Towns, Prof. E. Luther Brookes, Chas. W. Greene, National Vice-President. Among the active undergraduates are: R. C. Thomas, Chairman Budget Committee; C. J. Lemon, A. F. Weems, and other

Rev. Henderson Speaks on Alpha Program Sunday

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, closing its Annual Educational Campaign, will present the Rev. J. Raymond Henderson, pastor Wheat Street Baptist Church, at Wheat Street on Sunday night, May 10th.

Much time and effort has been put into the organization and advertising of the activities in Atlanta, and the various members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity have been active in interview-

AFRO PRESIDENT AWARDED FIRST MD. MEDAL

Selected for Most Constructive Work of the Past Year.

ACHIEVEMENT WEEK PLANNED

Fraternity to Hold Annual Exercises.

Carl J. Murphy, editor of the AFRO-AMERICAN, has been awarded the Maryland achievement medal offered by the Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to the man or woman who has contributed most to the progress of the State, it was announced last week.

Judges who signed the report making the award were: Mrs. K. Bertha Hurst, Dr. Broadus Mitchell of Johns Hopkins University, and Dean John W. Haywood, of Morgan College.

The medal, which is to be an annual award, will be awarded to the recipient at the closing meeting of the Omega Psi Phi National Achievement Week, on Sunday evening, November 15, at Grace Presbyterian Church, according to A. B. Koger, chairman of the committee in charge of the award and the Achievement Week exercises.

OMEGA MEDAL

In commenting on the scope and object of the annual award, Dean John W. Haywood stated that it is hoped that the project will stimulate state-wide interest and efforts on the part of Maryland citizens. He stated that it was the aim of the award committee to give consideration to achievement in every line of endeavor. Distinctive work in religious and social welfare; the production of new methods of farming and excellency of production in trades, business and industry would be considered as well as achievement in the fields of music, literature and arts.

May Nominate

Anyone may nominate candidates for awards next year and they may come from any section of the State of Maryland.

The award was made to Editor Murphy out of a list of several Marylanders nominated because of his constructive work in the field of journalism.

With several of the larger churches having special sermons and music in the regular day services and young people's meeting, the annual celebration of National Negro Achievement Week will begin here next Sunday.

Program Over WCAO

At 2:30 p.m. Sunday, over Station WCAO, a specially prepared program with some of Baltimore's best talent will give the national hook-up a very rare treat, according to plans of the directors. All numbers will be by colored artists and from the pen of colored composers and authors.

At Morgan College, the undergraduate chapter will enteretain Ira De-Reid, of New York, who is thought to be the speaker for that occasion.

Exhibit at Library

Depicting in photos and in other interesting methods, the progress in the various fields of endeavor will be held at Enoch Pratt Library, Branch No. 1, Pitcher Street and Fremont Avenue. The exhibit will be open daily to visitors from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Interesting in the collection are rare books and magazines by authors and writers of our group, as well as books and newspapers published by our publishers.

A drawn pen sketch of Doctor Carver, wizard scientist of Tuskegee, loaned by Morgan College and its very rare collections of magazines are but a few of the things worth while.

Howard Exhibit

A collection of art, the special contribution of the Art Department of Howard University, is perhaps the most interesting group of the collection. The work will be arranged by one of the experts at Howard, and is to remain at the library all week. Other schools of the city, or individuals from them have loaned valuable works.

Banquet to Founders

On Saturday night, November 14, a closed banquet to Omega men will be given in honor of the founders at the Penn Hotel. Among those expected to attend are: Matthew W. Bulloch, prominent Boston attorney; Ira Reid, of the New York Urban League; Dr. Daniel Taylor, of Philadelphia; Malcom Dodsom, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Prof. Frank Coleman and Dr. E. E. Just, of Howard University; the Rev. Edgar Love, of Baltimore. The three latters are founders of the fraternity which is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

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Is Re-elected Basileus Of Kappa Alpha Kappa National Sorority Group

MAUDELLE B. BOUSFIELD

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More than 100 delegates from the sixty-five chapters of the sorority throughout the country were present at the conclave. Good reports were received on the scholarship awards. A banner year for the sorority was forecast for 1930.

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Greeley, Colo., Oct. 24 (ANP)—With the announcement of the averages of scholarship for the last quarter at Colorado Teachers College, the interesting fact is revealed that for the sixth consecuive quarter Alpha Kappa chapter of Alpha Kappa sorority again leads all social sororities on the campus—and for the sixth consecutive time Alpha Kappa Alpha has been ignored in the awarding of the scholarship cup that supposedly goes to the woman Greek letter oroganization having the highest average.

It will be recalled that a year ago last spring, President Frazier of this great American institution of higher learning "abolished" the awarding of the cup because the colored sorority had been so tenaciously consistent as the high ranking organization on the campus. It will be recalled that this final desperate gesture was the outgrowth of the chapter's efforts to find out just why they had not received that which they had earned. It will be recalled also that every reason and "explanation" advanced for the non-awarding of the trophy was rebutted, proved to be a misstatement, a gross misrepresentation, or a deliberate falsehood and that Frazier was finally forced to admit that there was really no reason why the trophy had not been presented (other than the unstated reason that the chapter was one of Negroes).

Evidently this "abolition" (by the same weird processes that effected it) has ben rescinded, for at a recent chapel exercise, with all prompand ceremony, his award, that nobody carde anything about, was awarded to Delta Phi Epsilon—this cup which had only been won again by the sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha

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Alphas Re-Elect Mrs. M. Bousfield Head

MARSHALL, Texas, Jan. 9.—With the arrival of a special pullman from the North and trains from points West and South, the 13th annual boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority took place at Wiley college from Dec. 27 to 31.

This event marks the first meeting of the national body in the Southwest, and the second in the South, Phi and Alpha Delta Omega chapters having been joint hostesses at Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn., in 1928. Phi chapter, an undergraduate chapter established at Wiley college in 1924, was hostess to the 1930 boule.

The meeting of the directorate Saturday afternoon marked the opening of the sessions, with the supreme basileus, Mrs. Maudelle Bousfield, presiding.

On Sunday at 11 a. m. the doors of the Daniel Bradnard Memorial chapel were thrown open to the public, and the visiting sorors were welcomed to the city of Marshall by Hon. William Caven, to Bishop college by President J. J. Rhodes, to Wiley college by President M. W. Dogan and to the interfraternal activities of the campus by representatives from the following Greek letter organizations: Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Alpha Psi and Delta Sigma Theta.

Lillian Whitehead, basileus of Phi, then presented the national president of the organization to the public. Mrs. Bousfield responded to the greetings on behalf of the visitors, and in turn introduced the speaker of the morning, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, wife of Bishop R. E. Jones. Mrs. Jones very ably handled her subject, "Adventurous Living," laying stress on the idea that nothing worth while is achieved without the courage of one's convictions and the spirit of adventure. Mrs. Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, honorary basileous and founder of Alpha Kappa Alpha, was next introduced, and her remarks were followed by a few words from Bishop R. E. Jones of the M. E. church North, and president of the board of trustees of Wiley college.

The business sessions were held in the auditorium of the Carnegie library beginning Monday at 9 a. m. The affairs of the organization for the past year were reviewed and plans were made for future development along educational, voacational and social lines with a business-like snap that reflects like nothing else the efficiency of the national presiding officer, Mrs. Maudelle Bousfield.

Among other awards made by the sorority was the Nellie M. Quander essay prize of $100, which was won by Newell Dwight Eason of the University of California, Los Angeles. This prize is awarded annually to stimulate clear and intellectual understanding of problems of labor, and particularly those labor problems which affect Negroes as such." A legacy of $100 left by Josephine Cain, deceased, is to remain intact until it amounts to the sum of $500 to be used as a loan fund.

Following is the list of officers for the ensuing year: Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Philadelphia, Pa., honorary basileus; Maudelle Bousfield, Chicago, Ill., supreme basileus; Maude Brown, Eta Omega, Louisville, Ky., first antibasileus; Gertrude H. Mason, Phi, Wiley college, Marshall, Tex., second antibasileus; Gladys Pullum, Beta Omega, Kansas City, Mo., supreme grammateus; Ruth Washington, Beta Omega, Kansas City, Mo., antigrammateus; Theresa Alexander, Xi Omega, Washington, D. C., supreme epistoleus; Ethel H. Lyle, Omega Omega, Philadelphia, Pa., supreme tamiouchos; Lucille Bluford, Delta, Lawrence, Kans., director of national publicity; Jessie Roy, Alpha Alpha Omega, editor-in-chief of the Ivy Leaf; Thelma Boozer, Tau Omega, New York city, North Atlantic regional director; Zenobia Gilpin, Epsilon Omega, Richmond, Va., South Atlantic regional director; Margaret Bowen, Sigma Omega, Cincinnati, Ohio, Great Lakes regional director; Theresa Barker, Beta Omega, Kansas City, Mo., Mid-Western regional director; Carolyn Blanton, Eta Omega, Louisville, Ky., Southern regional director; Viola Butler, Alpha Kappa Omega, Houston, Tex., Southern deputy; Blanche Dogan, Phi, Wiley college, Marshall, Tex., Southern deputy.

Dr. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley college, put forth every effort to make the stay of each delegate a pleasant one. The visitors were housed in the very comfortable Dogan hall, the women's dormitory, and took their meals in the college refectory. Meals and lodging were free.

This is the first time in recent years that an undergraduate chapter alone has undertaken to entertain the boule. The meeting of this national body at Wiley gave delegates from all over the country an opportunity to peep in upon the activities of a southern college. The equipment, buildings, well-kept grounds and personnel of the student body served as an eye-opener to many unfamiliar with colleges in the Southwest. Soror Clara Dogan of Phi chapter efficiently served as general hostess to the boule. Bishop college and all the local Greeks joined in the entertainment of the visitors.

The social features began with a formal reception in the auditorium of the Library building, at which the delegates were received by the president and faculty of Wiley college on Saturday evening, Dec. 27. The reception was followed by an informal Christmas dance given by Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. Other entertainments followed in order:

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Wednesday night, Dec. 31.—Closed banquet of Alpha Kappa Alpha, in which officers for the new year were installed, and cups were awarded to the following chapter: Theta Omega, Chicago, the Foreign Scholarship cup; Alpha Kappa Omega, Houston, the Achievement cup; Sigma Omega, Cincinnati, the Local Scholarship cup.

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Journal and Guide

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Gary Chapter Entertains Nat'l Boule

1-10-31

Meet of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

(Photo on Picture Page)

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The sorority was organized in 1922 under direction of Miss Mary L. Allison. At the present time there are 28 chapters in 14 states. Much ceritable work is being done by this organization at several colleges.

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The delegate from the local Omicron chapter was Emily Mae Morgan. Other members of the chapter are Mrs. M. P. Lane, Miss Alma Littlejohn, Miss Ida Evans, Miss Annie Hawkins, Miss Louis Turner Miss Thelma Miller, Miss Mary Wimberly, Miss Evelyn Phillips, Miss Mae Rudd, Miss Evelyn Pope, Miss Catherine Christmas, Miss Flossie Hines, Miss Ruby Mitchell, Miss Ophelia Sharpe, Miss Mae Ligon, acting secretary; Miss Phyllis Stancil, secretary; Miss Evelyn Pickette, Miss Annie G. Sasser, Miss Catherine Hardie, Miss Annie Thompson, Miss Louise M. Latham, president, Miss Nancy Bullock and Mrs. Louise F. Perrin, members of other chapters, but working with the Omicron.

The newly elected national officers are as follows: Mrs. Fannie R. Givens, grand basileus; Miss Roberta F. Belle, first ante baselius; Miss Emily Mae Morgan, second ante basileus; Miss Elsie Z. Graves, grammateus; Miss Venetia E. Nichols, grammateus tamioclus; Mrs. Bertha A. Jackson, jerveler, and Grace Calleus, chairman of executive board.

Phi Delta Heads Of Welfare Work

Danville News

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, meeting in its seventh annual conclave at Jersey City on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, heard reports of co-operation of chapters with welfare movements in their communities. Alpha chapter of Jersey City was hostess.

The officers of the sorority, who were re-elected, are: Florence Williams of Philadelphia, president; Gertrude Robinson of New York, first vice-president; Mabel James of Orangeburg, second vice-president; Mamie Brown of Charleston, W. Va., third vice-president; Bertha Pennington of Baltimore, treasurer; Aline Sheffey of Wildwood, corresponding secretary; Ethel Lewis of Baltimore, recording secretary; Gladys Cannon of Jersey City, financial secretary; Julia Barnes of Jersey City, custodian of insignia; Lillian Baugh of Philadelphia, editor-in-chief of the sorority publication. New York, N.Y.

An executive meeting will be held in Camden in February. The next convention seat will be decided later.

The sorority was organized in 1923. It aims to bring about a closer cooperation between Negro teachers, to create and preserve a spirit of sisterhood among the teachers, to promote and carry out the highest ideals of the pedagogical profession by advancing and maintaining the higher scholastic and ethical standards among the female members of the profession, and to encourage social activities among the members.

There are eleven chapters now formed, consisting of approximately 300 members. Eight of the chapters were represented as follows: Alpha, Mildred Holloway, Marguerite Brown; Beta (Washington, D. C.), Agnes Freeman, Marjorie Ferguson, Delilah Williams, Hilda Bryant, Marion Sparks; Gamma (Baltimore, Md.), Romaine Jones, Ethel Lewis, Lena Holcome, Elmira Tibbs; Epsilon (Institute, W. Va.), Mamie J. Brown; Zeta (Philadelphia), Florence Williams, Dorothy Gorgas, Celestine Fulchon; Eta (Camden, N. J.), Florence Holcombe, Hallie Brown, Aline Sheffey, Edythe Jenkins, Dorothy Jones, Lillian Goings; Theta (New York), Dorothy Spraggins, Etta Cannon, Gertrude Robinson, Elizabeth Younger; Iota (Atlantic City), Clarice Barnes, Dorothy Johnson. Chapters not represented because of the distance are Delta, Orangeburg, S. C.; Kappa, Youngstown, Ohio, and Lambda, Charlotte, N. C. Two chapters are being formed in the near future in Birmingham, Ala., and Chicago, Ill.

Officers of the Alpha chapter are: Julia A. Barnes, president; Sybil Archambeau, vice-president; Mildred J. Holloway, recording secretary; Gladys W. Cannon, corresponding secretary; Gladys Ross, treasurer; directors: Marguerite N. Abrams, Marguerite L. Brown, Octavia W. Catlett, Ruby E. Linton, Eulalia Mayo, Vera B. Mitchell, Mildred V. Morris, Nellie N. Parker, Bernice Houser, Lorraine A. Stanard, Florence Steele, Ruth Thompson.

Led Scholarship At U. Of Kansas

Argus

LAWRENCE, Kans., Oct. 15—The local chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha, national sorority, led all other sororities at the University of Kansas in scholarship average it was announced Saturday by university officials. The Alpha Kappas average was higher than that of any fraternity at the school. 10-16-31

It was shown that the leading sorority had an average of 1.85, which is unusually high. Following in order were the Alpha Omicron Psi sorority with 1.73 and the Kappa Alpma Theta's with 1.72. The fraternity scholarship averages were led by the Alpha Kappa Lambda with 1.54. St. Louis, Mo.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sororities are the only colored organizations of their kind for women in the school. It is the second time the Alpha Kappas have maintained [illegible] average.